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Men Who Cook



Photos by Dan Sanderson

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors hosted their sixth annual "Men Who Cook" at the Officers Club at Camp Grayling on Saturday. About 130 people enjoyed appetizers prepared by Steve Peterson, Monte Burmeister and Mark Rais. Main course dishes were served by Skip Kaiser, Dave Borowkowski and Corey Derenzy and Jeff Fox, with side dishes prepared by Rex Thomas. Desserts were provided by Tim Zigila and Peyton Zigila. Above, left Jon Thomas serves up some sauteed linguini with vegetables and harvest rice pilaf. Above right, Sydnee Sheldon, 10, a fifth grader at Roscommon Elementary School, enjoyed the dinner with her cousin, Penny Holzman. Right, Mark Rais from Arrow Uniform Rental prepared chicken gumbo for the dinner with the help of Jeddy Hood. The Ambassadors hold their monthly meetings at Hood's business, The Flying Fish Lodge.



Daughter missing for 30 years located in Arizona

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Frederic woman will be reunited with her daughter who was kidnapped three decades ago by her estranged husband.

Deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Marshals Service informed Laura Gooder on Saturday that her daughter, Genevieve Rachel Nielsen was alive in Arizona.

Genevieve was 2-years-old when her father, Eric Douglas Nielsen, picked her up for an overnight visit on May 8, 1976 but never returned. He told the child that her mother was killed in a car accident.

Police believe that Nielsen had lived in Florida, California and Arizona over the years, using various aliases. A tip led Oakland County investigators to an Arizona prison, where Nielsen is incarcerated, last week.

Gooder, who remarried and has three sons, moved to Frederic in 1988.

Gooder is declining media interviews regarding her story pending being reunited with her daughter.

"Right now, everything is too new," said Gooder when contacted by the *Crawford County Avalanche* Monday.

Gooder told the *Detroit News* on Saturday that "finding her daughter she hasn't seen in three

decades is the best Mother's Day gift she could ever have."

Police are not revealing the name that Genevieve had been living under to protect her identity.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, Va. has arranged for a psychologist to assist Genevieve.

Bouchard said they hope to have Eric Nielsen extradited back to Michigan on an outstanding 1976 kidnapping warrant by the end of the month.

Bouchard said that when Genevieve and Gooder reunite is up to them, but said his department will assist with needed resources to deal with the emotional swings and make it a positive experience.

"It's really in their hands - and particularly the daughter's hands - how the contacts proceed between the two of them," Bouchard said.

The 30-year-old kidnapping case gathered steam last year when the U.S. Marshal Service joined the search. Bouchard said he has a deputy assigned to work in conjunction with the U.S. Marshals Service, handling fugitive and multi-jurisdictional crimes.

Gooder credited Oakland

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Benefit fee adopted for city water/sewer service

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council last week agreed to implement new water and sewer service fees which will be charged to new customers for the municipal services.

The benefit fee will be assessed on all new water and sewer customers and for existing commercial and industrial customers who increase their square footage of an existing building or buildings.

"The benefit fee pays for the cost of the system that is already in place," Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said. "It's not fair for the residents who have paid for the system to have somebody come in and get a free ride."

The fees are calculated on an individual basis using a table established by the city engineers. Costs to install the city water and sewer system as well as the cost of bonds used to upgrade the water and sewer system in the 1990s were used to establish the fee schedule.

A residence would have to pay \$650 per 1,000 square feet of building space for water service and \$1,800 per 1,000 square feet of building space for

sewer service.

High end water and sewer users such as a car wash would be charged a \$4,348 fee per 1,000 square feet of building space to tap into the water system and a \$11,500 fee per 1,000 square feet of building space to hook into the city sewer system. A laundry or dry cleaner would have to pay \$4,348 per 1,000 square feet of building space to tap into the water system and \$12,051 per 1,000 square feet of building space to hook into the city sewer system.

A restaurant or bar would have to pay a \$1,866 fee per 1,000 square feet of building space for water service, and a \$5,169 fee per 1,000 square feet of building space for sewer service. And a convenience store and gasoline station would pay \$1,822 per 1,000 square feet of building space for water service and a \$5,047 fee per 1,000 square feet of building space for sewer service.

The city council will annually review the amount of the fees when it reviews other water sewer fees. The council approved a hike in water and sewer fees in April.

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Camp Grayling hosts Michigan Envriothon

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Students involved in community environmental projects displayed their skills and knowledge at a statewide competition held at Camp Grayling last week.

Eleven teams competed at the 2006 Michigan Envriothon held at Camp Grayling.

Organized by the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Environmental Stewardship District, the Envriothon provides environmental education to high school students and their adult advisors throughout the state.

Teams study seven different environmental subjects throughout the year in preparation for the competition. In addition, the teams are required to do a community outreach project where they identify an environmental issue in their community and develop a plan to address the issues through hands-on problem solving and community education.

At the state competition, teams have a full day of outdoor training with resource professionals. On the second day of

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Skye Hillier and Mike Keim, sophomores from Glen Lake High School, examine some pelts as they learn about wildlife.

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Law Enforcement Memorial



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Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield held his annual Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony on Monday. Wakefield recognized the service and contributions of former Sheriffs Harold "Bum" Hatfield and Joë White at the ceremony. In 2005, Wakefield said that 155 police officers were killed serving in the line of duty. Above, a rifle squad from Camp Grayling conducts the 21-gun salute.



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County Sheriff's Department Detective Sgt. David Wurtz, who has been following the case since 1990, for his diligence.

Wurtz said he primarily works on homicide cases and violent crimes.

"This is one of the few cases that you get to work on that, theoretically, will have a happy ending," Wurtz said.

Bouchard said he has tried to put in perspective the bittersweet feeling the Gooder is going through since she has missed out on events and milestones of Genevieve's life for the last 30 years.

"As a parent, I know it is your worst nightmare not knowing if your child is alive or if they are safe, and I can only imagine what the mother has gone through," he said.

Cause of fire deemed suspicious

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies and Grayling City/Township Fire Department officials are seeking tips on the cause of a suspicious fire which occurred earlier this month.

Fire fighters and sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a structure fire which occurred at 1:53 a.m. on Friday, May 5 at 130 Alexia Lane in the Grayling Mobile Estates.

Upon arrival, deputies found that a garage located on the property was engulfed in flames. The fire quickly spread to the mobile home, destroying both structures. The mobile home was unoccupied at the time of the fire.

The investigation into the fire is continuing. Officials, however, said that preliminary results indicate that the fire is of a suspicious nature.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office and the Grayling City/Township Fire Department are asking anyone with information regarding the fire to call the Sheriff's Office Tip line at 348-4616 ext. 5 to anonymously leave tip information.

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the event, teams are tested in each subject area at outdoor eco-stations. Teams are also required to complete a written report on their community outreach project and give an oral presentation to a panel of judges. Test and project scores are combined to determine an overall winning team. Teams are also recognized for excellence in each subject area, and for their

community outreach project.

"These students get a good dose of environmental education and they get to see what environmental resource professionals do on their jobs on a daily basis," said Andrea Berry, a coordinator for the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship program. "We hope this will help the students when it comes down to making decisions about college and their careers

and it's been a great experience to give them this hands on education."

A team from Caro High School finished first place in the competition. A team called Soo Blue Peace from Sault High School in Sault Ste. Marie finished second, and a team from the Branch Area Careers Center from Coldwater finished third.

Students from the top place

finishing teams will receive a community responsibility scholarship from Olivet College for \$2,000 per year for four years.

The Caro High School Team will also advance to the Canon Envriothon competition, which will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba in July. The international competition will include teams from the United States and Canada.



Bree Bennett, an environmental enforcement coordinator with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, conducts an exercise on aquatic ecology with the students.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Bid for city park upgrades approved

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council gave the green light last week for over a half a million dollars in improvements which will be made in the city park this year.

The Grayling City Council last week accepted a bid of \$541,988 from Robert T. Cole Construction Inc. of Cadillac for the planned city park project.

The project will include adding a boardwalk along the AuSable River in the park, building a fishing pier and creating a canoe and kayak launch. The former Crawford County Library building, which is owned by the city, will be renovated so that public rest rooms are available on the main floor of the building. A community meeting room space will also be created in the

building, which will house recreational and historical interpretive displays, may be used by the AuSable Canoe Marathon Committee in the future and can be used as a staging area for emergency personnel during events held in the parks, Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said.

The foot bridge over the river will be replaced with a bridge that will be American Disability Act compliant, which will be lower to the river to address liability concerns of kids jumping from the bridge, Lowe said.

Paved trails and additional landscaping will also be added to the park.

"The park is going to be much nicer and we hope it will get more use," Lowe said.

The city received a \$348,975 Michigan Department of Natural

Resources (DNR) recreation grant for the park improvements. The city initially committed \$116,325 as a required match for the project.

The contract approved for the work was the lowest from the five construction firms which submitted bids for the project.

The city will use \$76,688 from funds generated by the city income tax to pay for the difference. Lowe said the increased costs were created by parking upgrades, the boardwalk and paved paths that will be placed in the park. There are also increased costs due to inflation since the DNR grant was received in 2003.

Council Member Kim McClain said the council did not want to pull the plug on the project and seek a second round of bids, which would have generat-

ed more engineering fees for the work.

"What we do in the park is critical to what we do downtown and we're truly blessed to have a park located in the heart of the city," McClain said.

Contractors will begin working on the former library building, and will start on the park improvements following the AuSable River Festival which is scheduled for July 25-30.

Cole has completed boardwalk and park projects in Cadillac, Traverse City and Petoskey.

"They're exciting and interesting projects to do and we're proud to be part of something that will last 40 to 50 years that will carry on throughout the years," Cole said.

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Out to Lunch Gang is out for adventure

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Senior Citizens in Crawford County know how to party. Organizations such as the Red Hat Ladies have been getting a great deal of publicity in the last few years, but there are plenty more programs out there for seniors who still have plenty of lust for adventure left in them.

One such program is the "Out to Lunch Gang," hosted by the Senior Center of Grayling. Since the Senior Center was founded in the 1970s, this club has been there to provide an extra dose of excitement for seniors in the Crawford County area.

"This is one way for them to get out and do things," said Elouise Mize, activities director for the senior center.

Once a month, seniors take a bus to a new destination. When they arrive, they have lunch and see the sights.

"We have a lot of fun," said Joyce Cousins, who has been a program participant for two years. Half the fun may be in the ride alone.

"We're joking and laughing and hollering back and forth," said Cousins. "We always go for our Dairy Queen or ice cream on the way home."

Popular destinations include the Wal-Marts in Gaylord and Houghton Lake, but the Out to Lunch Gang occasionally undertake more daring escapades.

Recently, two buses full of Out

to Lunchers made the trip to Oscoda to go paddle boating. They were forced to improvise when confronted with unexpected heavy rain.

"It was really funny," said Cousins. In the downpour, the gang couldn't even find a sheltered place to eat their food. Eventually, they retreated back to the one dry place they knew they could count on.

"We ate on the bus, so we called it our 'meals on wheels,'" said Mize.

Although a rainy meal on the bus may have been perceived as a disappointment by some, this hearty group of seniors took it in stride. Many now look back at it as the most memorable trip ever.

"It was a cool one," said Cousins.

More cool trips are planned for the future. On May 18, the

gang will be making a trip to the Flea Market in Oscoda. They will be visiting a lighthouse after lunch on June 8.

Beyond that, the group also plans on adventuring to Mackinac City and the Leelanau Peninsula in the near future. Some of the destinations are picked by Mize, but not all.

"I also get input from the seniors as to what they like to do," said Mize.

The Out to Lunch Gang is open to all seniors in the area. The cost is \$10 for the bus trip, plus money for lunch. According to Mize, there are about 20-25 people on most trips, with a core group of about 16 regular attendees.

"We would like to get more people going," said Cousins.

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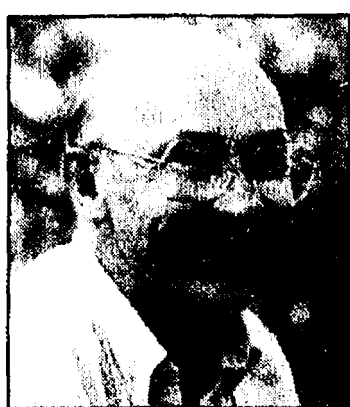
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Advertising blitz puts DeVos ahead barely

IT'S NOT NEWS quite as startling as "man bites dog" but it is news nonetheless.

The challenger has nudged ahead of the incumbent headed for the November election.

A May opinion poll claims that Republican candidate Dick DeVos is now ahead of Michigan Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm in their 2006 race for governor.

It's not by much -- only 46 to 45 percent of 600 likely voters, and well within the margin of polling error.

And it's early in the overall campaign schedule, coming about five months before the November election.

And it probably reflects primarily the fruits of a concentrated \$3 million DeVos television advertising blitz, while Gov. Granholm has been bogged down doing battle with a balky Republican legislature to try to solve Michigan's myriad of problems, importantly bread-

and-butter pocketbook issues.

But even if it's only an early poll, and even with all the other qualifiers, for a Republican challenger to lead an incumbent Democratic governor in Michigan, it's quite a feat.

BOTH CANDIDATES tempered their public reactions to poll results.

Mr. DeVos allowed that the thin early margin means "hardly a celebration." He called it a sign that his "message was resonating with people around the state" but said "we've got a lot of work to do."

His gain probably is a matter of identity and not message, and reflects what a well-placed few million dollars can do in politics. But he's right about his task ahead. It's far from over yet.

Chris DeWitt of the Granholm campaign countered that "once people get to know" the DeVos record, they will "wind up supporting Gov. Granholm."

That sentiment expresses a hope and

not a fact, but Mr. DeWitt is correct that "winning a campaign in July is not the goal."

This May polling certainly does not parallel polls about Republican leadership nationally. One recent poll claims about two-thirds of voters across the country felt Republican President George W. Bush did not share their priorities and the country is in worse shape than eight years ago when Mr. Bush took office. Only 31 percent gave him a positive job approval rating.

If the slide of national confidence in Mr. Bush's Republican leadership continues or grows -- as it has poll by poll for several months -- politics in Michigan certainly will be affected, including how voters finally decide for whom to vote for governor in November.

TIED IN WITH this entire political picture is the vital question of money. How much will be available for the

Michigan election? In a word, the answer seems to be "Plenty."

Mr. DeVos, for example, is probably the wealthiest person ever to run for political office in Michigan, and already has exhibited his willingness to spend what's needed to accomplish a goal.

When he started on his long route to November 2006, he recognized that not many people knew who he is. So \$3 million or more was invested in a blanket campaign of TV spots to introduce Dick DeVos to Michigan voters.

Obviously it worked. See the May poll for specifics.

Michigan political action committees are on a record pace in raising funds for this year's elections, according to reports filed with the state.

According to an Associated Press story, the largest 150 PACs in Michigan raised \$22.9 million by April, which is up 22.8 percent for the same time period in the 2004 election and 35.5 percent

since 2002.

That's a lot of money, and politics will get richer and richer as the weeks go on. More of these funds probably are raised for Republican causes than Democratic forces, but neither side will have to scrimp much to get out their messages, and to push their candidates to the forefront.

These factors all tie together -- advertising and grass roots campaigning like the governor's race, opinions about national policies and politics, financial availability -- to produce this 2006 Michigan political season.

The two individuals in a particular race are very important, of course, but it does not depend solely on them.

The voters, of course, will control the ultimate decisions.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Writer apologizes to residents of Grayling

To the editor,

Please allow me to take this opportunity to apologize to all the residents of Grayling for my letter of March 26 in which I complained about the "lack of affordable shopping choices" and entertainment in Grayling. I have offended a great number of people and I am truly sorry.

Residents of Grayling who choose to keep their town small certainly have the right to do so and it was not my place as a "down stater" to tell you how I would like to see your town changed. Actually, upon reflection, I found that there are a number of entertaining activities that go on in Grayling which I had forgotten about. Had I taken the time to think about them before I wrote my letter, it would never have been written. Let me explain.

Besides the obvious lakes and forests, which I mentioned in March, Hartwick Pines State Park is a treasure that I should not overlook. The annual canoe races and the associated craft show and other activities entertain many. On the Fourth of July, the activities sponsored by the town for the children and adults alike are outstanding. We wouldn't dream of missing the Lovells Bridge Walk. I don't know how I could have forgotten all of these (and probably many

more) when I wrote my previous letter.

The residents of Grayling and the surrounding area are always friendly, helpful and courteous. There are wonderful groups of ladies whose quilting skills reflect the artist in each of them. Your schools are beautiful and from the articles in the Avalanche, the students who attend them are very active in after school activities and community functions. I have also noticed that both Grayling and Lovells are passionate about the future of their libraries and I applaud that dedication.

I received an anonymous letter telling me I "should be ashamed" of what I wrote. I ask that person to forgive me and I promise it won't happen again. Also, in response to the writer's comment about my "being on our board," property owners who attend the KPLA meetings can assure you that I am not now and never have been on the lake association board. While I enjoy the many lakes Grayling has to offer, I know that, as a part timer, I am not qualified to be on a lake association board.

Thank you for this opportunity to apologize for my thoughtlessness.

Diane McCracken
Monroe

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Why are gas prices so high?

Every time you go to the gas station, you probably wonder like I do: Why are gas prices so high right now?

It's a simple question that deserves an honest answer. The most common explanation we hear is that these high prices are the result of basic supply and demand. This view says that growing worldwide oil consumption has created more demand than supply.

That view is simply wrong.

Right now, we have more crude oil in the United States than at any time in the past eight years. We have 347 million barrels of crude oil in storage, which is more than we have had since 1998. Then, crude oil cost \$15 per barrel; today, it costs more than \$70 per barrel.

The same is true worldwide. Demand has indeed gone up, as China, India and other countries begin to use more oil. But supply has gone up even more. In fact, global crude oil supply exceeds global demand by about 100,000 barrels per day, and there is spare production capacity of approximately 1 - 1.5 million barrels per day. As the CEO of the global energy giant BP recently acknowledged: "The price of oil has gone up while nothing has changed physically."

There is, however, one thing that has changed dramatically over the last few years: the way oil and gas are traded in the United States.

That market is a complicated web of buying and selling, but basically it works like this: buyers purchase contracts for certain

amounts of oil by paying for the oil immediately though it may not be delivered until a future date. Some of these buyers are oil companies that need oil for their refineries; others are speculators betting that the price of oil will go up before the oil has to be delivered. Before delivery, these contracts might be exchanged many times between other buyers and sellers.

Commodities markets are ordinarily policed by the government to make sure that buyers and sellers are not artificially and illegally manipulating the prices.

Enron, however, punched a giant hole in the regulation of energy markets. In the 1990s, Enron developed a way for companies to trade energy futures electronically, outside of the regulated markets in New York and elsewhere.

Enron collapsed, but its concept of unregulated energy trading took off. The unregulated, electronic markets in the U.S. now directly compete with the regulated markets. And in 2001, the same group of giant oil and Wall Street companies running the largest unregulated electronic exchange in the U.S. purchased the oil exchange in London. Investors today can trade U.S. oil on the London market from here in the United States without any regulation or oversight by our government.

With no one looking over their shoulders, financial speculators have begun pouring tens of billions of dollars into trading oil and natural gas commodities, and they are hauling in record

profits. One oil trader, T. Boone Pickens, is reported to have made \$1.5 billion in energy trading profits last year alone. Many analysts believe this souped-up trading activity has driven oil prices up by \$20-\$25 per barrel. It may be why oil is selling for \$70 per barrel oil instead of \$50.

The bottom line is that today there is no cop on the beat in the oil and gas market. We don't know how much is being sold, by whom, or for what price. And therefore we can't know if prices are being manipulated, or simply why oil is so expensive even though there is enough supply.

Enron made a fortune by driving up prices through fake electricity sales that made demand seem much greater than it was and by reporting phony prices. Unfortunately, we haven't yet been able to close the loophole Enron created that allowed its abuses to go undetected for so long.

I am proud to cosponsor a bipartisan bill that would close the Enron loophole by requiring electronic energy trades by U.S. companies to be reported, including those made in London. By putting the cop back on the beat, we can protect U.S. consumers and businesses from market fraud and price manipulation.

Without this information and a way to stop abuses, we won't be able to look up at the gas pump without wondering if we're being ripped off.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

VIEWPOINT

By Kirk Wakefield, Crawford County Sheriff Crawford County will be strictly enforcing the Safety Belt Law

In an effort to save lives and increase the state's safety belt use rate to 95 percent, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office is buckling down on the safety belt scofflaws this month. Sheriff Kirk Wakefield warns residents to buckle up or be prepared to pay up as they crack down on unbuckled motorists throughout the Memorial Day holiday.

Crawford County is joining more than 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies focusing on unbuckled motorists as part of the national Click It or Ticket mobilization, May 22-June 4, 2006.

Michigan's safety belt use rate currently stands at a record-high 93 percent, but in order to save even more lives, agencies will be strictly enforcing the law in an effort to get more motorists to buckle up. According to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, for every one percent increase in safety belt use, 10 lives are saved.

The state's mandatory safety belt law requires the driver and the front seat passengers to be buckled up, and children under age 4 to be in an approved child safety seat. It also requires passengers ages 15 and under to be buckled up in front or rear seating positions. In addition, drivers or passengers who have a shoulder harness placed under their arm or behind their back can be ticketed for not properly buckling up.

Sheriff Wakefield states, "Be safe and wear your seatbelt as officers will be enforcing the seat belt law in Crawford County."

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Community Briefs items submitted to *The Avalanche* must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of *The Crawford County Avalanche*.

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.

Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

COA to host caregiver seminars

The Grayling Senior Center at 308 Lawndale St., will have guest speakers Linda Cronk and Kriss Goodroe from MSU Extension presenting "Understanding Grief & Loss During Life Stages" on May 24 and June 7, at 2 p.m. For information or transportation call Alice Snyder at 348-7123.

Straits Area Ostomy Assoc. to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m., at Mercy Hospital, private dining room, Grayling. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call 989-821-5721 for information.

Historical museum to hold sale

The Crawford County Historical Museum will hold a courtyard sale on Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate can call Priscilla at the museum 348-4461, or take to the museum at the depot on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No artifacts from the museum will be sold.

Sheriff department to host bike rodeo

The Crawford County Sheriff's department will host the 9th annual Bicycle Safety Rodeo, on Saturday, May 20, in the AuSable Primary School parking lot for children grades kindergarten through fifth. A parent must accompany the participating child. Call Tina Bassett at 344-3214 for more information.

Relay for Life to hold car wash

A car wash and can drive for Relay for Life will be held in front of Glen's Market of Grayling, on May 20, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. All proceeds go to Relay for Life.

Grayling Rotary to hold garage sale

Grayling Rotary's 8th annual garage sale will be held at the old Bear Archery Building on M-72 West, Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 21, noon to 3:30 p.m.

Friends of the library to hold meeting

The Friends of the Crawford County Libraries will be holding their monthly meeting at the Lovell's Branch Library on Tuesday, May 23, at 10:30 a.m.

Registration starting for paddle race

Registration for the 3rd Annual Hurry Up and Paddle - or sink Race to be held on July 26, at the City Park, Grayling, are now being accepted at J. Dap Co., 118 Michigan Ave., Grayling. Limit of 20 teams, first come, first serve. Registration fee of \$60 per team. Call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce for more information.

Entertainer performs at The Brook

The Brook Retirement Communities in Roscommon and Houghton Lake will be hosting an afternoon of music, entertainment and refreshments on May 18, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., in Roscommon, or 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., in Houghton Lake. Professional entertainer, Eddie Curtis, brings back "the good ole days" with songs from the big band era. There is no charge for this program but seating is limited, reservations required by contacting Roscommon at 275-4000 or Houghton Lake at 422-7200.

Church to host bake sale

St. Mary's Church, Spruce St., Grayling, will be holding a bake sale on Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Sunday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Historical museum to open season

The Crawford County Historical Museum will begin its season on May 24. They will be open Wednesday's through Saturday's from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Monday, May 22, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School band room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and the Grayling High School.

American Legion Aux. to sell poppies

The ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary will be selling poppies on May 18, 19, and 20. The poppies are made by disabled veterans and donations are appreciated.

Agency on Aging to conduct hearings

The Region IX Area on Aging will conduct two public hearings on its proposed Multi-Year Area Implementation Plan for Fiscal Years 2007-2009. The plan will address The distribution of funds and provision of services under the Older Americans Act, for the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon.

The hearings will be held as follows: Thursday, June 1, at 1

p.m., at the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena. Tuesday, June 6, at 1 p.m., at the Otsego County Commission on Aging, 120 Grandview Boulevard, Gaylord.

A summary of the plan will be available at the hearing, or upon request, 15 days prior to the public hearing. Copies may be obtained at the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena or by calling (989) 356-3474 ext. 261.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for May 14, of \$25 each: Harry Kauffman, Dan Canfield and Sydney Klec.

Project Graduation

The "Lucky 300 Club" Raffle winner of \$100 for May 12 is Larry McNee.

Adopt A Pet



Alexandra Fitzpatrick and Ashley Crocker of Grayling visited the Animal Shelter of Crawford County on Adopt A Pet Day, which was recently celebrated at the shelter, and adopted their new friend, Copper. Four animals were adopted during the day-long event.

Kirtland to host 2nd Warbler Wobble

5k, 10k and 1 mile run/walk take place in conjunction with Kirtland's Warbler Festival

Spring has arrived and it's time to hit the trails once again in preparation for the second annual Warbler Wobble 5k and 10k races, to be hosted Saturday, May 20 at the 2006 Kirtland's Warbler Festival. The event, which includes a one-mile fun run - or walk - begins at 10 a.m. and will take place on the scenic wooded trails on and around the campus.

Runners can sign up now by using the registration form found at the festival Web site - warbler.kirtland.edu - or by calling race organizer Teresa Stuck at 989-275-5000, ext. 385. Cost is \$15.

"We're trying to draw some people to the festival who might not otherwise make the trip," said festival chairman Jim Enger.

Serious birders from around the country know the festival offers the opportunity to see the endangered Kirtland's warbler on its summer breeding grounds in Michigan. Nature enthusiasts come for the wide range of presentations and displays on outdoor topics. Children love to

come to the festival because it offers a full day of fun, including the chance to fish in the Kirtland pond, build and take home their own birdhouse, hunt for fossils and pet exotic animals such as zebras and kangaroos.

Runners can check in at the Wobble Tent, in front of the Kirtland Student Center, beginning at 8 a.m. on May 20. All entrants will receive a commemorative T-shirt.



Kyle Chesner left and LCDR Dan Tinney Right

On January 31, 2006 PO2 Kyle Chesner of the Michigan Mountaineers Division of the United States Naval Sea Cadets Corps was selected as Sea Cadet of the Year for Northern Michigan for year 2005. He received his award March 5, 2006 at a Flag Ship weekend.

PO2 Chesner has been a member of the United States Naval Sea Cadets Corps, Michigan Mountaineer Division, stationed at Camp Grayling since May 2003. He attended Boot Camp at Great Lakes, Illinois, June 2003, Master at Arms Training at Camp Smith, New York and several trainings at the United States Coast Guard Station in Charlevoix. He also attended Petty Officer Leadership Academy at Camp Perry, Ohio and Fire Fighting School at Central Michigan University. His hard work and effort has progressed him to his current rank of Petty Officer, Second Class.

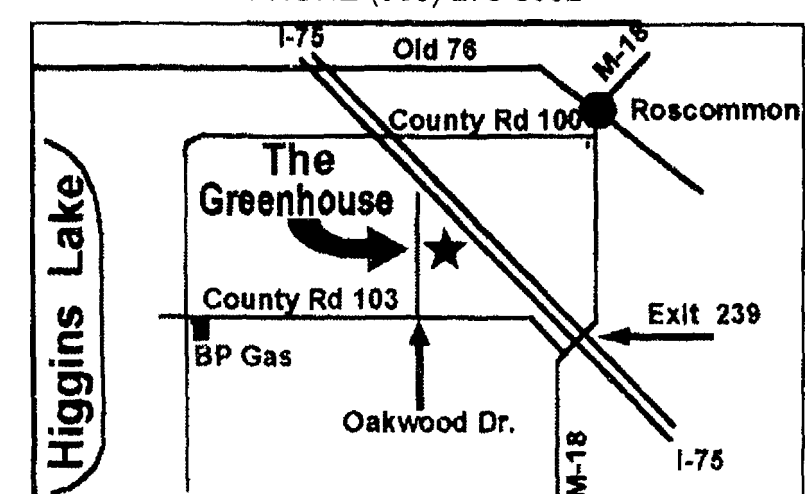
Chesner has joined the United States Marine Corp and is scheduled to start Boot Camp at San Diego, California in late August of 2006. Kyle's parents are Chuck and Bonita Chesner.

The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a nationwide organization dedicated to helping American youth realize personal success and achievement. Young Americans learn the value of patriotism, courage, self-reliance, teamwork and accountability.

For information about the Michigan Mountaineers and the Naval Sea Cadets, please contact LCDR Daniel Tinney at (231) 587-9204 or Lt. Jon Steinhoff at (231) 587-5228.

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Primary Performers



Photos by Dan Sanderson

Second graders at the AuSable Primary School held their annual concert earlier this month to show their families the songs they have been learning and instruments they have been playing in Mr. James Brown's music class. Left, Jocelyn Hartley and Taylor Harmer take part in an activity based on the rock, paper, scissors game that goes along with a Japanese song. Above, Anika Cramer and Theo Dannenberg perform a song with their classmates.

Michigan's solid waste policy undergoes scrutiny, updating

by Sandra Kao
Capitol News Service

A new solid waste policy that would guide Michigan counties in their waste management is being developed.

An advisory committee, formed by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is updating the current 18-year-old policy. The committee is made up of municipal government entities, recycling organizations, waste industry officials, business and manufacturing associations.

A comprehensive policy is needed to give counties guidance and to address ways to increase recycling, committee members say.

The committee is working to bring "it up to speed with current innovations and technology," said Steve Sliver, chief of the DEQ storage tank and solid waste section.

Much has changed since 1988. Now Michigan has abundant landfill capacity and advances in technology have required a revisiting of waste management strategies and approaches used in the old policy, Sliver said.

For example, the state used to promote incinerators but that's not so today, he said.

The aim is to create a policy that helps citizens, governments and businesses to make wise decisions when it comes to solid waste management, he said.

One of the major issues is recycling and diverting waste from landfills. Increasing Michigan's diversion rate, and promoting reduction and re-use is one of the challenges that needs to be addressed, said Sliver.

Michigan does not collect recycling data, but estimates say the state's recycling rate is 20 percent -- the lowest in the Great

Lakes region and one of the lowest in the nation, according to a DEQ report.

Promoting reduction of waste, re-use and recycling improves and protects Michigan's environment by saving energy, conserving natural resources, decreasing pollution and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, according to the report which provides specific recommendations to improve the recycling rate.

Patty O'Donnell, a committee member and regional planner for the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments based in Traverse City, said that regional solid waste management is a priority for her area. The council's member counties are Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Wexford and Missaukee.

"The biggest issue for us in the rural areas is recycling and doing it regionally," she said. "There is curbside recycling in Traverse City and Petoskey, and some areas only have drop off, and some don't have anything."

"The people want to recycle. It's the access, funding and the processing of the materials that have been collected" that pose challenges.

Sliver said it's necessary to balance the roles of interest groups, promote the best solid waste management practices and look at different tools available such as regulation, education and financial incentive.

"Obviously, funding is an issue," said Sliver.

With the diversity of industries represented on the committee, building a consensus is a challenge, said Don Pyle of Escanaba who represents Delta Solid Waste Management Authority and

Upper Peninsula Recycling Coalition.

"Everybody is trying to do the right thing but everyone's coming at it from a different angle," Pyle said, adding that he sees everyone wanting to work together to make things happen.

The committee is now finalizing its visions and goals statements, and will move into action items next, said O'Donnell.

The committee aims to have a draft recommendation prepared in April for the Environmental Advisory Council, said Sliver.

Dan Batts, president of the Michigan Waste Industries Association, an association of landfill and waste hauling companies, said that getting manufacturers to design products for recyclability is an important issue.

Batts said he gets no return on plastics.

"We accept it, but there's no value. I don't get any money from the materials recovery facilities for bringing them the material," he said, adding that bottle manufacturers need to look at what they're making to make sure it's reusable."

Environmental protection, quality of life and economic vitality all need to be taken into

consideration in drafting an update, said Sliver.

"What comes out of this policy, who knows?" said Sliver.

"It could promote change in

how we do things. The basic function of the policy is to first set the vision and give people more guidance on how to do that."

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Benefit fee adopted for city water/sewer service

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The fees are required to be paid to the city before a zoning permit is issued by the city zoning administrator.

Lowe, however, said the city council has the discretion to let a business or home owner pay the fee over a period of years rather than in one lump sum.

For any use that is not specifically mentioned on the table, the city shall assess a fee based on the nearest use.

Chad Beckett, the director for the City of Grayling's Department of Public Works, said commercial and industrial business eyeing a community often come expecting to pay a benefit fee.

Beckett added that Pizza Hut officials said they had paid as much as \$60,000 in water and sewer benefit fees for the service

es in other communities, when they moved to their new location in Grayling.

"It will be handy to have the added revenue because we have an old system that is getting older and is getting more costly to maintain," Beckett said.

The city council has been studying the possibility of implementing the fee over the last year.

Although the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce did not take an official stance on the fee, Chamber President Tim Zigala said he hopes the increases will not deter businesses from coming to the community.

"We felt the fees should be implemented on a graduated scale rather than jump into it feet first and try to keep up with the communities around us," Zigala said.

Feature Presentation

Co-rediscovers of the ivory-billed woodpecker, Bobby Harrison, will tell about the sighting he made in the Arkansas swamps and how it has rocked the birding world.

Nature Presentations

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Homeowners need to get building permits, too

As the weather warms up, many homeowners think about what they can do to fix any damage the long winter many have inflicted, or just want to add on new space for a growing family. Whatever the reason, homeowners doing the work themselves must secure a building permit before work begins.

A building permit gives the homeowner the legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications. The best way to find out if a permit is required is to call the appropriate enforcing agency.

"Getting a building permit is the first step toward protecting

the outcome and investment value of a construction project and guarding against a lawsuit or injury," said Henry L. Green, Director of the Bureau of Construction Codes and Fire Safety. "The truth is, building permits are very beneficial to the homeowner and the community. By working with an expert code official, homeowners benefit from their knowledge of building codes to ensure the construction project is built right, will be safe and will last."

Permits are usually required for the following: new buildings, additions (bedrooms, bathrooms, family rooms, etc.), residential work (decks, garages, fences, fireplaces, pools, water heaters,

etc.), renovations (basement remodeling, kitchen expansions and remodeling, re-roofing, etc.), electrical systems, plumbing systems and HVAC (heating, ventilating and air-conditioning) systems.

Each home or business is an investment. If the construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by the community, the value of the investment could be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work performed without permits and inspections. Also, selling a home that has had modifications without a permit may be difficult. Any work performed without a permit may be required to be torn down, left unoccupied or brought up to code through costly repairs.

A property owner who can show that code requirements were strictly and consistently met as demonstrated by a code official's carefully maintained records has a strong ally if something happens to trigger a potentially destructive lawsuit. The permit also allows the code official to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety and welfare.

"Be sure to get the local code official involved early with a project, because the building department is an important ally, from start to finish," added Green.

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Paddlers compete in Roscommon Pro-Am Canoe Races

C-2, C-1 events held on AuSable South Branch in Roscommon

Forty two-person paddling teams and 34 individual paddlers competed in the Roscommon Pro-Am C-2 and C-1 canoe races, held on the South Branch of the AuSable River in Roscommon on May 6-7. Competitors included several local paddlers and several AuSable River Canoe Marathon paddlers.

Matt Rimer, 22, of Horton and Andrew Triebold, 29, of Spring Arbor placed first in the C-2 race with a finish time of 1:20:16. Rod Halstead, 21, and Ryan Halstead, 18, both of Grayling, finished second at 1:25:37. Ken Kolonich, 60, and Steve Kolonich, 34, both of Eaton Rapids, placed third (1:27:08). The C-2 event was held on Saturday, May 6.

Triebold (1:20:16) won the C-1 race, which was held on Sunday, May 7. He edged Matt Strieb, 42, of Bristol, Indiana, who placed second with a time of 1:03:41, and Bill Torongo, 44, of Roscommon, who took third place at 1:04:15.

Race results for both the C-2 and C-1 events are as follows.

C-2 Pro Race on Saturday, May 6 (place, time, paddler, age, hometown, paddler, age, hometown)

- 1:20:16 Matt Rimer, 22, Horton; Andrew Triebold, 29, Spring Arbor
- 1:25:37 Rod Halstead, 21, Grayling; Ryan Halstead, 18, Grayling
- 1:27:08 Ken Kolonich, 60, Eaton Rapids; Steve Kolonich, 34, Eaton Rapids
- 1:29:45 Bill Torongo, 44, Roscommon; Rick Joy, 47, Silverwood
- 1:29:47 Brad Gross, 37, Pinconning; Josh Sheldon, 24, Grayling
- 1:30:01 Ray Trudgeon, 24, E. Lansing; Matt Strieb, 42, Bristol, Ind.
- 1:30:11 Ted Kolka, 40, Grayling; Clark Kent, 45, Lapeer
- 1:30:14 Matt Meersman, 29, South Bend, Ind.; Jim Harwood, 41, Grayling
- 1:32:23 Mitch McMillan, 31, Clare; Tom Trudgeon, 47, Grand Ledge
- 1:32:26 Jason Hall, 27, Crystal; Josh Taylor, 27, Grayling
- 1:32:52 Bruce Barton, 48, Homer; Tim Triebold, 53, Spring Arbor
- 1:33:28 Jon Webb, 46, Hubbard Lake; Russ Reker, 42, Lapeer
- 1:33:37 Pete Mead, 25, Traverse City; Al Widing Jr., 53, Fenton
- 1:36:17 Tad Hill, 27, Livonia; Ted Smutek, 38, Luzerne
- 1:37:25 Jerry Killingbeck, 37, East Tawas; Joey Kinsel, 25, Oscoda
- 1:38:01 Tom Cannon, 50, East Lansing; Mandy Streib, 25, Bristol
- 1:38:11 Mike Garon, 48, Washington Twp.; Bill DuBois, 48, Jackson
- 1:46:15 Don Brooks, 37, Beaverton; Todd VanDeVen, 34, Grayling
- 1:39:00 Dwayne Barnes, 44, Copemish; Steve Watson, 34, Onaway
- 1:39:20 Bill Brundage, 55, Traverse City; Nate Winkler, 35, Interlochen
- 1:42:20 Colin Hunter, 25, Grayling; Greg Nelson, 49, Marquette
- 1:42:34 Bill Schmitz, 52, Commerce; Sean Casey, 27, Grayling
- 1:42:49 Bob Smith, 32, Roscommon; Spencer, 17, Grayling
- 1:42:52 Al Widing Sr., 81, Mio; Tim Chapple, 32, Interlochen
- 1:46:15 Don Brooks, 37, Beaverton; Todd VanDeVen, 34, Grayling
- 1:46:24 Fred Mills, 52, Roscommon; Lynne Witte, 51, Mt. Clemens
- 1:48:00 Bob Bradford, 63, Lapeer; Michael Johnson, 66, Missoula, Mont.
- 1:48:51 Mark Bialek, 35, Kalamazoo; Joe Pollock, 47, Edmore
- 1:49:14 Ryan McClure, 16, Roscommon; Tim McClure, 47, Roscommon
- 1:49:26 Dwight Walker, 51, Hastings; Ed Lazar, 49, Gross Pointe Farms
- 1:50:04 Amy Solak, 41, Traverse City; Carrie Montgomery, 36, Mikado
- 1:50:12 Ted Matthews, 41, East Lansing; Rod Matthews, 51, Oscoda
- 1:54:52 Chad Brandt, 32, Hale; Mike Thomsen, 38, Hale
- 1:55:33 Frank Smutek, 72, Luzerne; Bill Smutek, 39, Luzerne
- 2:01:57 Mindy Bennett, 27, Prescott; Rick Gillings, 48, Prescott
- 2:02:58 Dan Kent, 36, Lincoln; Bernie Tuszynski, 48, Gaylord
- 2:05:42 Martin Ecker, 45, Muskegon; Jason Hatfield, 28, Grayling
- 2:10:37 Garth Greenan, 51, Traverse City; Grant Tally, 44, Flat Rock

C-2 Amateur Race on Saturday, May 6 (place, time, paddler, age, hometown, paddler, age, hometown)

- 1:22:04 Stephen Brown, 14, Shelby Township; David Lawe, 15, Grayling
- 1:30:18 Frank Bailey, 52, Grayling; Frank Taber, Lowell
- 1:30:29 Sarah Webb, 45, Hubbard Lake; Marcia Rimer, 46, Horton

C-1 Race on Sunday, May 7 (place, time, paddler, age, hometown)

- 1:01:02 Andrew Triebold, 29, Spring Arbor
- 1:03:41 Matt Strieb, 42, Bristol, Ind.
- 1:03:41 Bill Torongo, 44, Roscommon
- 1:04:15 Tim Triebold, 53, Spring Arbor
- 1:04:37 Rick Joy, 47, Silverwood
- 1:05:11 Clark Kent, 45, Lapeer
- 1:06:13 Jon Webb, 46, Hubbard Lake
- 1:06:35 Russ Reker, 42, Lapeer
- 1:07:34 Bruce Barton, 48, Homer
- 1:07:39 Tom Trudgeon, 47, Grand Ledge
- 1:07:39 Tom Cannon, 50, East

AuSable Spring Trials – one river, one boat, 120 miles

Oscoda and Grayling teams ready to paddle showdown on Saturday, May 20

Kicking off the canoeing season in Northern Michigan will be an all night paddle with six paddlers representing Grayling and six from Oscoda. Oscoda Team Captain Dan Gary was very optimistic about their prospects after announcing that he and other paddlers had paddled the Grayling to Alcona stretch this Spring. "We think this is a great opportunity to start the year out with what could be considered a nice training run."

Oscoda area Marathon Committee Secretary-Treasurer Christine Rudolph stated "they are really fired up – we hoped to have two teams but it looks like it will be up to the one boat to represent the Oscoda area."

The event was designed as a fundraiser for the AuSable Canoe Marathon and an opportunity for paddlers to experience a non-stop river trip from Grayling to Oscoda. With the river divided into nine stages each two paddlers on each team will be assigned river sections that are from eight to eighteen miles in length.

The teams will run with their canoe from beside the Grayling Post Office to the river at 3 p.m., on Saturday, May 20, with paddlers trading off all the way to Oscoda. The estimated travel time, which will be effected by weather and the level of water, will be eighteen to twenty-four hours. Wayne Koppa, Co-Captain of the Grayling Team remarked "the weather forecast is for a lot of rain during the week before so we could have pretty good water."

Each team will be provided with a standard touring canoe, bent shaft racing paddles and comprehensive maps of the river from Grayling to Oscoda. The maps are a new release by the Marathon Committee and will be for sale in the weeks following the Spring Trials. The detail of the new map is beyond what anyone has had before. The map is in a flip chart format but if the pages were put end-to-end it would be 10 feet of map detail.

Koppa remarked "we hope this map book will enable more people to enjoy the many opportunities that are available for paddling, fishing, camping and biking along the AuSable River Valley."

This fund raiser requires the paddlers to raise an average of \$300 each which they can do

through pledges or sponsorship. Donations to each teams effort are welcome and can be coordinated by contacting team members or Marathon Committee Members in either Oscoda or Grayling.

Information on the Spring Trials is available on the Marathon Web site at ausablecanoemarathon.org.

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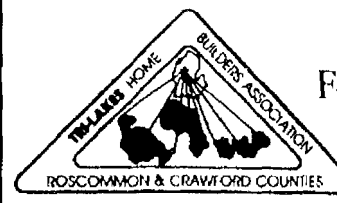
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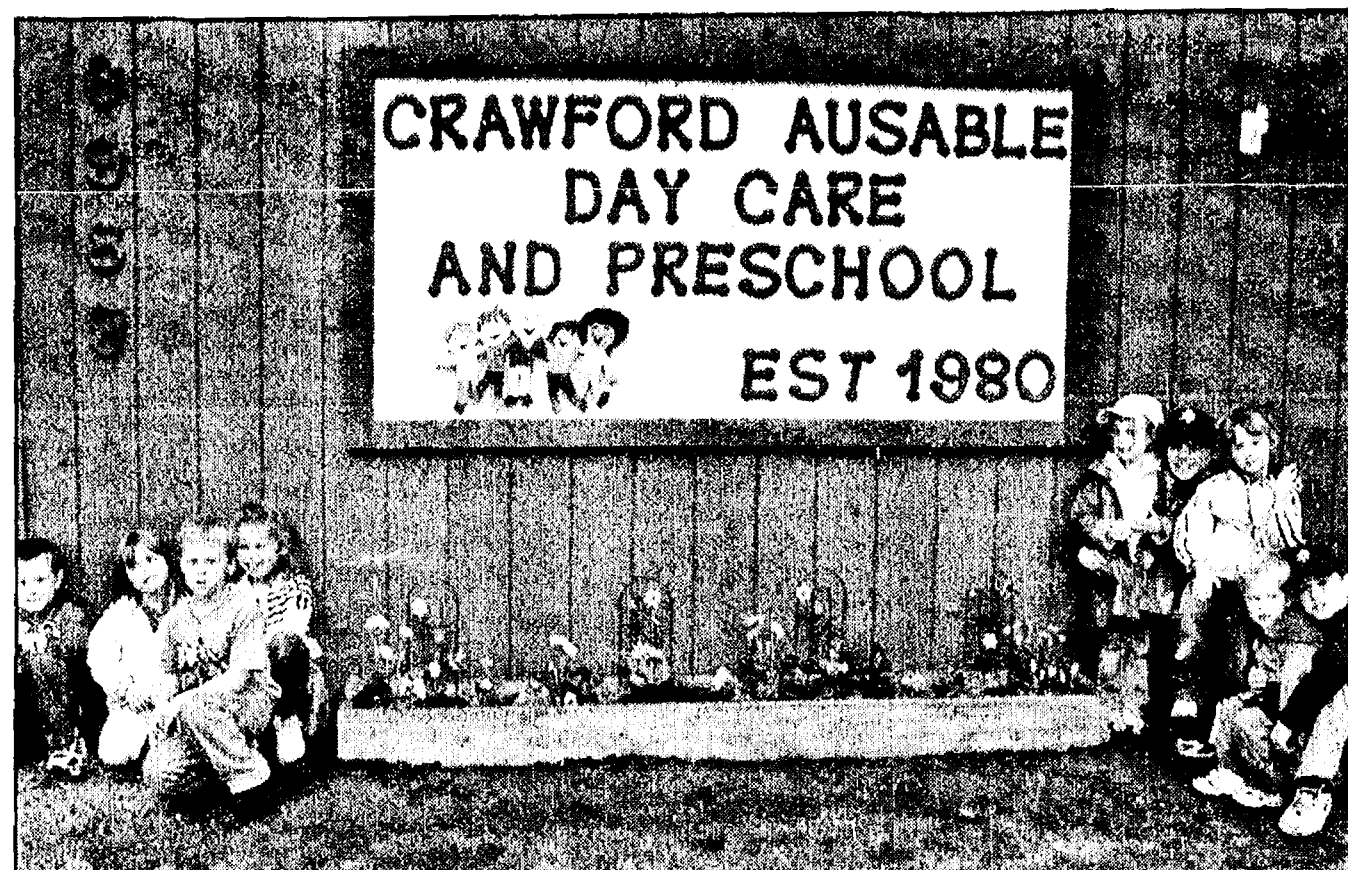


Day Care staff surprised on appreciation day

National Provider Appreciation Day was May 12, and the children and parents from Crawford AuSable Day Care pulled off an after-hours surprise for the staff of Margaret Skidmore, Marsha Wakeley, Mrs. Gail Fenton, Liz Crittendon, and Chris Wakeley at the center.

The parents group at CADC has been celebrating the "holiday" for about seven years now and each year is a little different. This year's biggest project of the annual celebration was the installation of a new flower box at the front of the building. The children and parents planted the flowers and installed the "Patience Garden" decorations. While one group was working on the flower box, another group was decorating inside the building and displaying gifts purchased for the staff.

"The parents really enjoy celebrating Provider Appreciation Day because the staff at CADC go above and beyond in the care they provide for our families. CADC is a key part of our ability to be successful at work and it's a great place for our kids," said Tracy Wilson, organizer for the event.



Celebrating National Provider Appreciation Day the parents and students planted a "Patience Garden" as a surprise for the staff at Crawford AuSable Day Care.

National Provider Appreciation Day is a special day to recognize childcare providers, teachers and educators of young children everywhere. Started in 1996 by a group of volunteers in New Jersey, Provider Appreciation Day is appropriately celebrated each year on the Friday before Mother's Day. The founding

organizers saw the need to recognize the tireless efforts of the providers who care for children of working parents.

Today's childcare providers are the world's unsung heroes. The childcare profession is one of the most underpaid occupations in the country; yet early childhood is the most critical developmental period for all

children. It takes a special to work in this field and their contribution to the quality of family life frequently goes unnoticed. It takes a dedicated person to be successful in the demanding world of today's childcare professional.

For more information about Provider Appreciation Day visit www.providerappreciation.org.

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The United States Achievement Academy announced that Naomi Anglemeyer from Grayling has been named a United States National Leadership and Service Award Winner. Anglemeyer will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook which is published nationally. She is a student at Grayling High School. This is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Selina Anglemeyer from Grayling has been named a United States National Award Winner in physical education. This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. Selina Anglemeyer, who attends Grayling Middle School,

was nominated for this national award by Cindy Jones, a teacher at the school. Anglemeyer, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook which is published nationally. "Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States

Achievement Academy. The academy selects USAA winners based on the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability. Naomi and Selina are the daughters of Howard and April Anglemeyer of Grayling and their grandparents are Robert and Joyce Cousins of Grayling.

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GMS names students of the month



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for April are, from the left:(back row) Molli Coe, Travis Cornell, Matt Dunkel, Carl Gaff, Joe George, Chelsea Hermann, Elizabeth Kengel, Melissa Kocenas; (middle row) Ashley Lee, Devon Norton, Mike Olson, Mikaela Parish, Jessica Pickell, Tyler Pratt, Alex Robson, Nick Sendek, Joe Somero; (front row) Amber Swanson, Heather Swierz, Samantha Thompson, Greg Toprak, Elsabet Warsko, and Rachel Wilson; (not pictured) Natosha Beaman, Shane Krayes, and Joe Lansky.

BIRTHS

Amanda Burkholder and Randy Smock Jr., of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Audrey Lynn, born at Mercy Hospital on May 2, 2006, at 10:44 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 11 ozs.

Tamara and Martin Kengel of Lovells, announce the birth of their son, Jonathon Joseph, born at Mercy Hospital on April 28, 2006, at 7:44 a.m., weighing 9

lbs., 14 ozs., and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length.

Andrea and Mark Binert of Grayling, announce the birth of their daughter, Phoebe Helena, born at Mercy Hospital on May 8, 2006, at 4:03 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 14 ozs., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Sarah Petrie of Grayling, announces the birth of a daughter, Emma, born at Mercy

Hospital on May 2, 2006, at 12:00 a.m., weighing 9 lbs., 1 oz., and measuring 21 inches in length.

Mallory DeMerell and Edward LaLonde, of Grayling, announce the birth of a daughter, Laci Olivia, born at Mercy Hospital on May 8, 2006, at 7:35 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 15.4 ozs., and measuring 19 1/2 inches in length.

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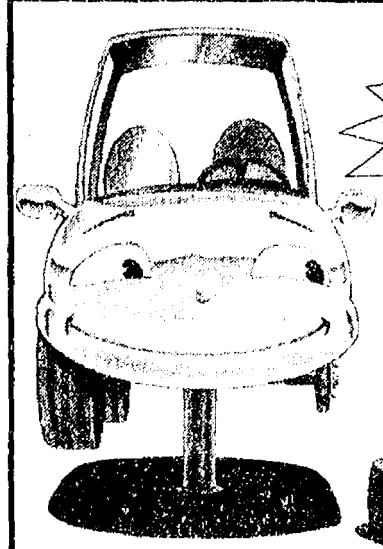
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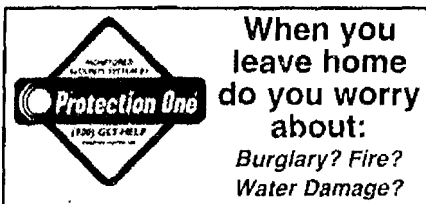
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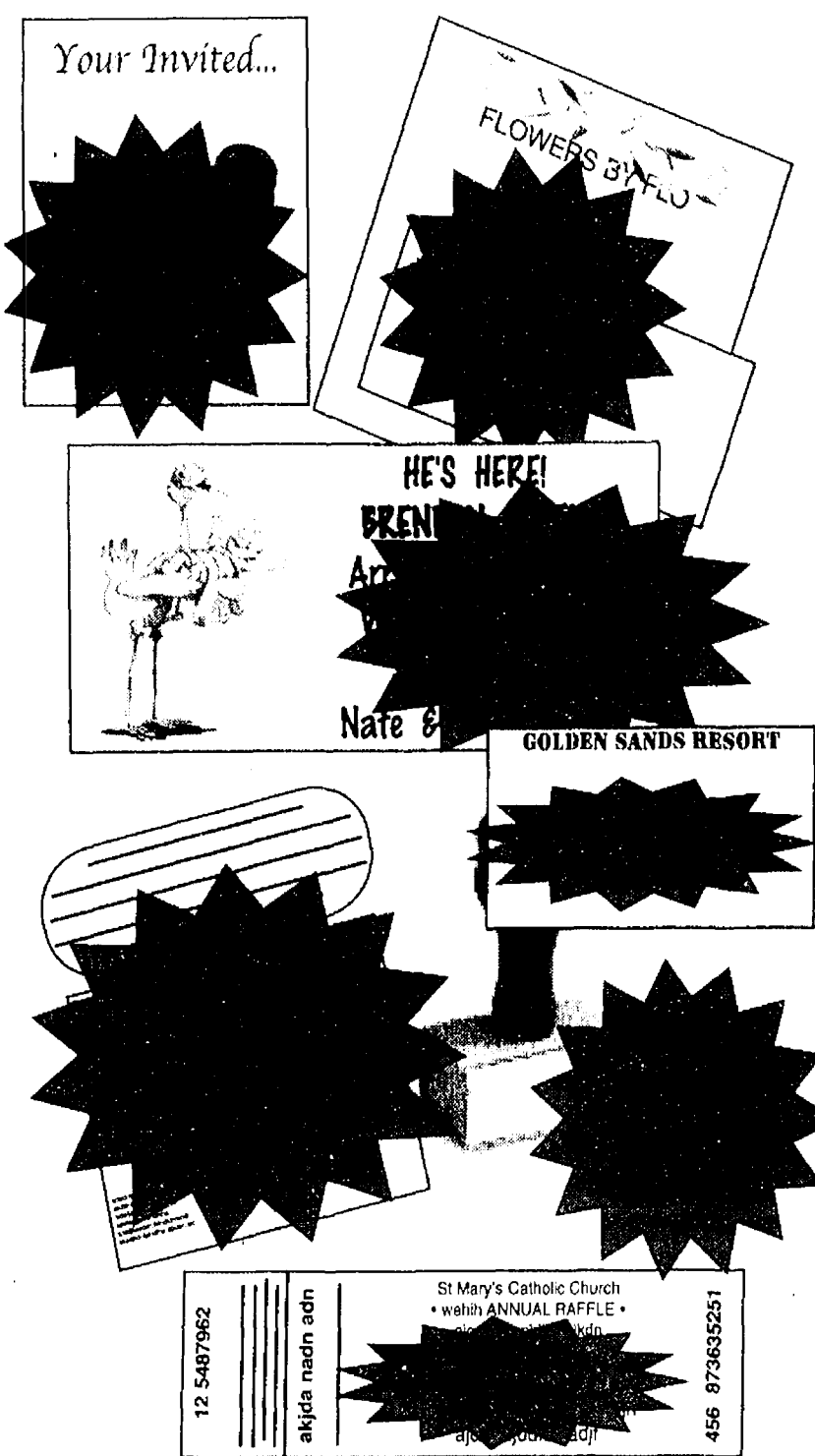
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CCEDP announces week five winner

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) recently concluded its five week contest titled "What Do You Know about Your County?" Mary Kay Hinkle was the first weekly winner, followed by Brenda Myers in week two, and Lisa Peterson in week four. There was no winner in week three.

Kathleen Klosky of Roscommon won in week five by correctly answering the question, "Who is Gaila Gilliland and where can you find her?"

Klosky answered that "Gaila Gilliland is the economic development director for the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership and can be found at her office at 213 James Street, in Grayling."

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Since moving to Detroit to join Motown Records as staff trumpeter, Belgrave has established himself as Detroit's foremost jazz musician. His performances now encompass the whole history of Jazz musical styles... from early to New Orleans, to Swing, Bebop, and on to the latest contemporary sounds.

Belgrave continues to tour and record in the world's major jazz centers. Marcus' most recent project is a "Tribute to Louis Armstrong." Belgrave has arranged an eight piece ensemble

with transcriptions and written arrangements of Armstrong's classic solos and recordings from the 1920's and 30's plus Louis's giant hits of the 50's and 60's. In this show he brings to life Armstrong's bravura trumpet innovations as well as vocalizing in Satchmo's inimitable singing style.

Performances by Belgrave are marked not only by his great technical virtuosity, soulful tone and style and seemingly limitless improvisational creativity, but also by an on-stage persona exuding warmth and joy in music making that communicates to audiences where ever he performs. He will perform such hits as Blue Berry Hill, Mack the Knife, Stardust, What A Wonderful World, and Hello Dolly.

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Grayling High School players present *The Sound of Music*

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

A pregnant play director and cast and crew shortages were not enough to keep *The Sound of Music*, the latest Spring musical from Grayling High School, from being a resounding success. Last weekend, the play made its successful run after GHS students spent months in preparation.

"The generosity of this cast and crew has been amazing," said Technical Director Mark Binert, who was especially impressed by how effectively students were able to work together to make the show happen. The result was a production of impressive magnitude.

"Overall, I just think the number of scene changes is incredible," said Binert. Perhaps even more impressive is the fact that GHS students had to open the play without their director, Andrea Binert, who had given birth to a new baby girl, Phoebe Helena, just a few days earlier.

"It's been really tough having a baby on its way," said Mark Binert. Despite these obstacles, the cast and crew managed to maintain a positive attitude and have fun.

"The singing aspect of the play is neat. Plus, I get to wear a snazzy smoking jacket," said Mike Cole, who played the lead male role of Captain Georg Von Trapp. Not that he allowed his role in the show to go to his head.

"Actually, the limelight makes me sweat," said Cole.

This particular production presented specific challenges to the cast, especially since it called for a group of kids who are all of similar age to play roles ranging from very young children to elderly gentlemen. Senior Jamie Wyss played nine-year-old Brigitta.

"It was very difficult. I had to channel the character," said Wyss.

Two students from the elementary school, Kristina Comer and Matt Pegouskie, were actual brought in to play the youngest characters, Gretl and Kurt. Impressively, their performances stood up well compared to the high school students.

"It was really fun. The younger kids, they picked it up really quickly," said Summer Coe, who played the lead female role of Maria Rainer.

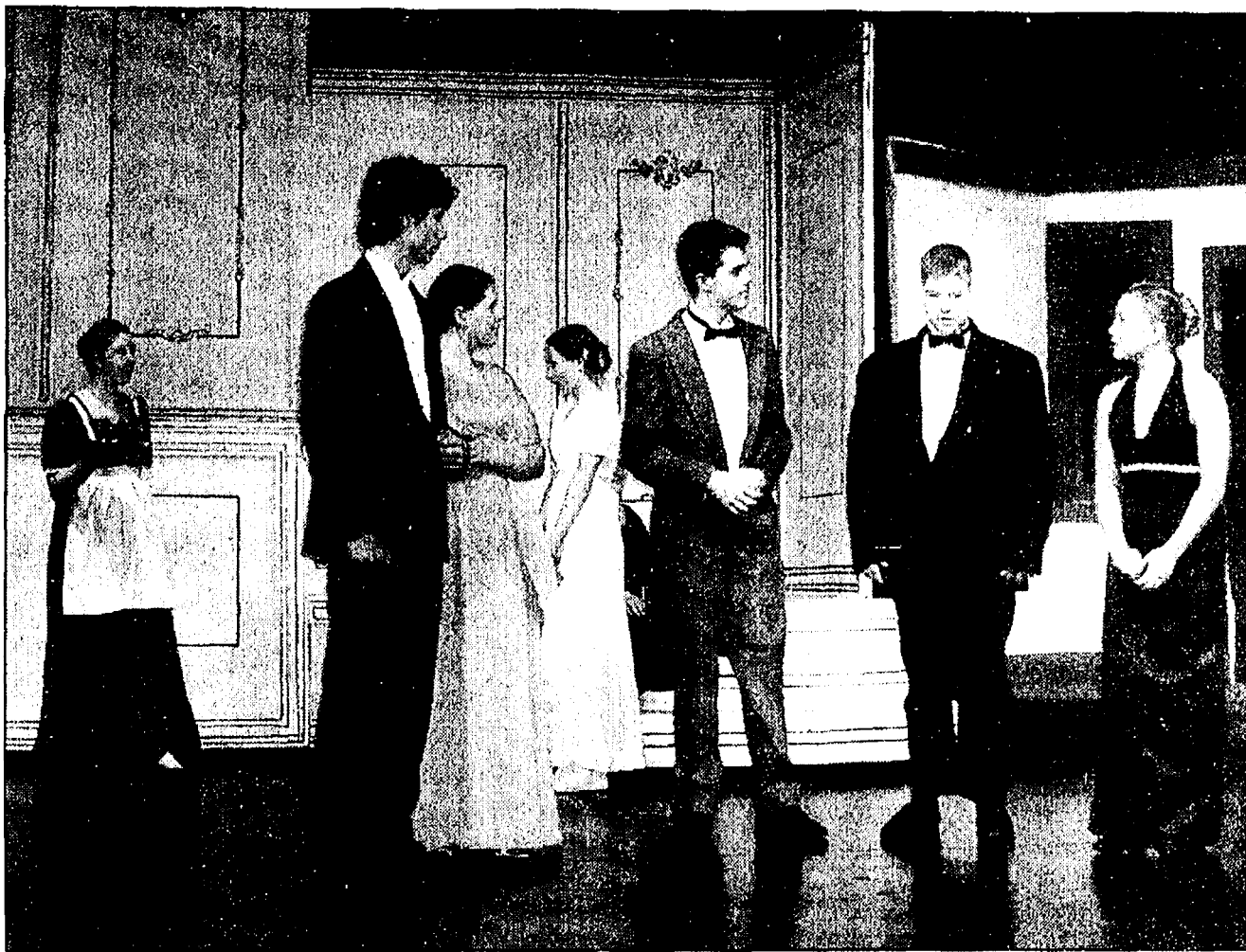
The play also called for several students to portray nazi officers, which presented additional acting challenges.

"We started reading Mein Kampf and Hitler and stuff like that," said John Ventline, who played Baron Elberfeld.

In a particularly chilling scene, nazi officers search the actual audience for the escaped Von Trapp family. Ventline said this was the most rewarding scene, since getting into character is what made the effect possible.



Captain Georg Von Trapp (Mike Cole, far left) inspects his children. From left to right, they are: Liesl (Chelsea Curriston), Friedrich (Joe Emmons), Louisa (Brianna Farrell), Brigitta (Jamie Wyss), Kurt (Matt Pegouskie), Marta (Meghan Wyskiel) and Gretl (Kristina Comer). Also visible on stage right are Franz (Austin Andrus) and Frau Schmidt (Kara Edgerton).



The political undertones of the play remain powerful to this day. In this scene, guests of Captain Von Trapp argue about the merits of the Austrian people merging with the German nation versus fighting to remain independent. Appearing in this scene (from left) are: Frau Schmidt (Kara Edgerton), Herr Zeller (Andy Curriston), Zeller's date (Ariel Lynch), Louisa (Brianna Farrell), Georg Von Trapp (Mike Cole), Baron Elberfeld (John Ventline) and Elberfeld's date (Kelsey Gilbert).

Of course, it wasn't all doom and gloom on the set, even for the nazis. Andy Curriston, who played Herr Zeller, said his favorite thing about the production was just "messing around a lot."

Any 'messing around' was reserved for moments when the cast and crew were not busily preparing for the show, which was rare. According to Coe, about 5-20 hours were spent practicing each week.

For her, it was worth it for "getting to play a role that has always inspired me."

The *Sound of Music* was first performed on Broadway in 1959 and starred Mary Martin. The play is an adaptation of a book written by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. In turn, the book is based on the autobiography of the real life Baroness Maria Von Trapp, which chronicles her family's escape from nazi occupation forces in Austria in 1938. The 1965 film adaptation of the

musical was the highest grossing film of all time at the time it was released.

"My favorite song was 'My Favorite Things' because I used to sing that when I was little and now I get to perform it," said Coe.

There were some cast and crew shortages. Fortunately, the performance was aided by several recently graduated Grayling High School alumni in the band pit, offstage and even filling a small acting role.

Lastly, the role of the crew was more crucial than ever with this show, especially since it had such a large set.

"Making sure everything goes smoothly" was the primary challenge for students working backstage, according to stage crew member Jim Hilbrecht.

This show marked the last performance for many GHS seniors. However, there were many underclassmen on the set, so future shows will likely benefit

from their presence.

"Good luck to all future GHS players," said Coe.



The cast takes a bow at the end of the show. Pictured here (from left) are: Chelsea Curriston, Rachel Sells, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Mike Cole and Summer Coe.

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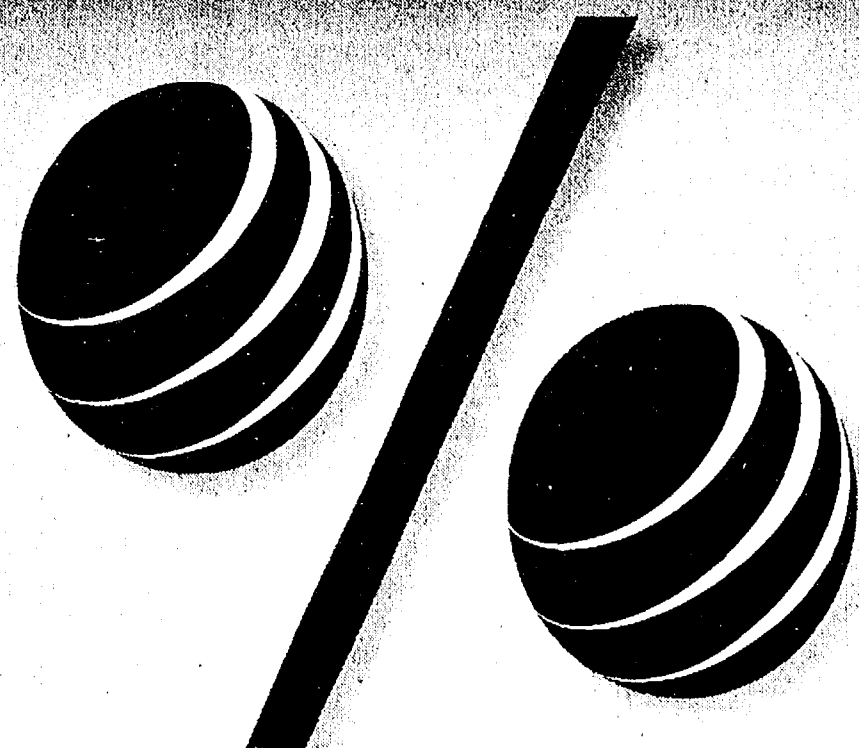
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GHS announces top ten students for Class of 2006

The top ten students for Grayling High School's Class of 2006 are Zachary Matthew Baker (Valedictorian), Darcy Kay Shinew (Salutatorian), Austin Andrus, Chelsea Curriston, Alex Donaldson, Victoria King, Amanda Lutz, Trisha Lynn Petersen, and Elizabeth Westman.

Brief profiles for each graduate are as follows, with all students listed alphabetically after the Valedictorian and Salutatorian:

Valedictorian
Zachary Matthew Baker has been named the 2006 Grayling High School class valedictorian. He is the 17-year old son of Ronald and Judith Baker. Mr. Baker plans on attending the University of Michigan to study movement science. He is a recipient of the MEAP Merit Award. While at Grayling High School, Zac has been a member of the National Honor Society and is a scholar athlete. He is also a member of the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team and was named the MHSFCS Individual All-State Special Mention. Zac participated in soccer, basketball and baseball his freshman year; soccer, football, basketball and track his sophomore year; and football, basketball, and track during his junior and senior years. Zac volunteers his time at the Grayling Nursing Center and enjoys working with the youth through the Little Vikes Football Program, Redskins Football and the Grayling Youth Booster Club.

Salutatorian
Darcy Kay Shinew has been named the 2006 Grayling High

School class salutatorian. She is the 18-year old daughter of Terrance and Debora Shinew. Darcy plans on attending Grand Valley State University to major in photography with a minor in French. Ms. Shinew is the recipient of the Michigan Competitive Scholarship, the MEAP Merit Award, and Grand Valley's Award for Excellence. While at GHS, Darcy has been a member of the National Honor Society, the Lake Michigan Conference All Academic Team, and has participated in Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership. She has received the Ceramic's Award for art and has been Student of the Month numerous times. Darcy has volunteered her time at the Polar Bear Dip which benefits Michigan Special Olympics and also enjoys tutoring students and baby-sitting. Her hobbies include photography, painting and water skiing.

Austin Andrus, 18, is the son of Robert Andrus and April Ashton. He plans to attend Michigan Technological University to study geological engineering and minor in jazz or international studies. Austin is the recipient of the MTU Presidential Scholar of Excellence Scholarship and the MEAP Merit Award. While at GHS, he was treasurer of the Tri-M Music Honors Society for two years and a member of the National Honor Society. Austin has participated in soccer and tennis and is a scholar athlete. As a member of the Grayling High School band, he has participated in marching band, concert band, pep band, pit band and jazz band. He has also been named to several honors bands. Austin enjoys volunteering his time by tutoring students, both academically and musically. His hobbies include writing short stories, and writing and playing music.

Chelsea Curriston, 17, is the daughter of Larry and Shirley Curriston. She plans to attend Michigan Technological University to pursue a career as a mechanical engineer. She is the recipient of the MTU Presidential Scholarship, the MTU Alumni Award and the MEAP Merit Award. She has also received the MTU Women in Engineering Excellence in Math and Science Award. Chelsea is a member of the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team, the National Honor Society and the Tri-M Music Honors Society. While at GHS, she has participated in girls' soccer for four years and is a scholar athlete. Chelsea has participated in choir for seven years and was named to the women's honor choir for the past three years. She has also been a member of the GHS band for seven years, participating in concert band and marching band, and serving as drum major for one year. Chelsea has been involved with the GHS theatre department for the past six years and has the lead in this year's play. She volunteers for the AuSable River Festival Parade, Relay for Life, and also enjoys peer tutoring. Her hobbies include reading, ice skating, swimming, cross country skiing, knitting, cooking, music and theater.

Alex Donaldson is the 17-year old son of Robert Donaldson and Connie Donaldson. He plans on attending the University of Michigan to pursue a degree in aerospace engineering. Alex is a recipient of the MEAP Merit Award. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team. Alex volunteers his time with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and has accumulated over 70 hours of community service.

Jacob Emmons, 17, is the son



Zachary Matthew Baker
Valedictorian



Darcy Kay Shinew
Salutatorian



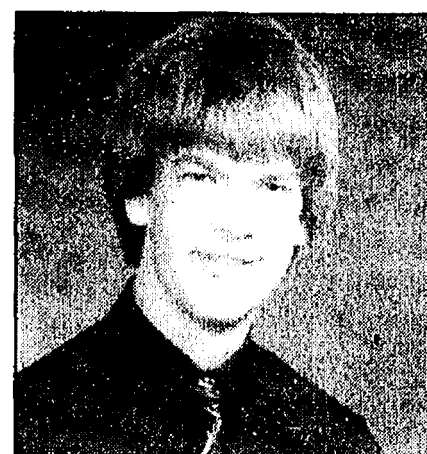
Austin Andrus



Chelsea Curriston



Alex Donaldson



Jacob Emmons



Victoria King



Amanda Lutz



Trisha Lynn Petersen

of Jeff and Nadine Emmons. He plans on attending Michigan Technological University to pursue a degree in software engineering or computer science. He is the recipient of the Michigan Tech Presidential Scholarship and the MEAP Merit Award. Jacob is a member of the National Honor Society and the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team. Jacob enjoys video games and writing.

Victoria King is the 17-year old daughter of Larry and Cindy King. She plans on attending Central Michigan University to pursue a degree in communications. Victoria is the recipient of the C.M.U. Kessler Centralis Scholarship and the MEAP Merit Award. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic team, and is a scholar athlete. She has participated in soccer for four years, tennis for two years and is a member of the GHS Players stage crew. Victoria volunteers her time tutoring and working at the library. She also works at the snowmobile race. Her hobbies include hanging out with her friends, playing soccer and tennis, and going to the movies.

Amanda Lutz, 18, is the daughter of Mark and June Lutz. She plans on attending Grand Valley State University to pursue a degree in physical therapy. She is the recipient of the MEAP Merit Award. Amanda is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Senate, serving as its Lieutenant Governor and Governor. She is also a member of the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team, and is a scholar athlete. Amanda has participated in girls' basketball and volleyball. She volunteers her time with the American Red Cross blood drive, the Grayling Youth Booster Club and girls' GRA.

Trisha Lynn Petersen is the 18-year old daughter of John and

Yvonne Petersen. She plans to pursue a degree in radiologic technology to become an X-Ray technician. Trisha is the recipient of the MEAP Merit Award. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is a scholar athlete. Trisha has participated in girls' basketball, volleyball, and softball. She has also placed third in regionals and seventh at the state MITES competition for her scale-model house. She has been selected as 9&10 News Scholar Athlete of the Week and has received the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Award. Trisha volunteers as a referee for the GRA girls' basketball league and assisted with the GRA girls' basketball fundamental camp. She enjoys outside activities and sports.

Elizabeth Westman (not pictured) is the 18-year old daughter of Rosalie Wiegand. She plans to attend Michigan State University to begin a pre-veterinarian course of study. She is the recipient of the MEAP Merit Award. Elizabeth is a member of the National Honor Society, serving as its treasurer. She is also a member of the Lake Michigan Conference All-Academic Team, Who's Who Among American High School Students and has been Student of the Month numerous times. She is also a member of the GHS Pep Band. Elizabeth volunteers her time tutoring and working at Cozy Critters Cabins, a dog kennel. Her hobbies include reading, biking, walking, fishing, and hunting.

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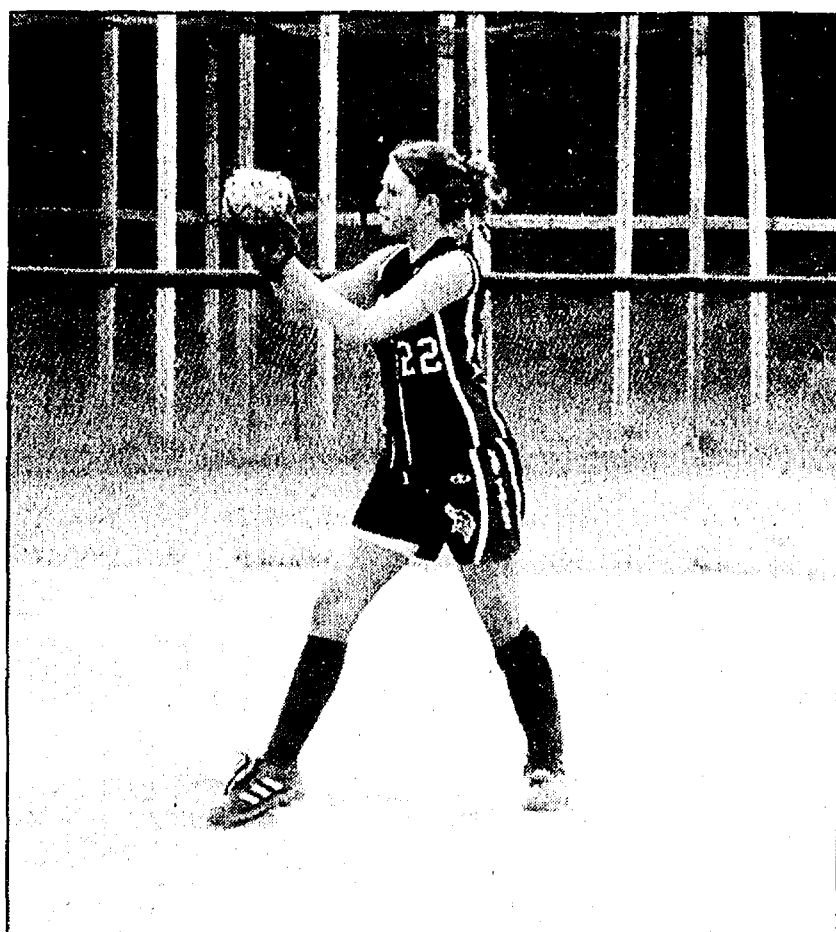
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Katie Baynham (left) and Chelsea Wolcott (right) pitch for the Vikings during their series vs. Harbor Springs last Tuesday. Baynham pitched a no-hitter against the Rams, and Wolcott posted three victories in three starts last week.

Softball team sweeps Harbor Springs, Houghton Lake

Grayling defeats Bobcats 12-2, 12-4 on Friday

■ Katie Baynham throws a no-hitter for GHS in game two of series vs. Rams

The GHS varsity girls softball team won all four of its games last week, sweeping doubleheaders vs. Harbor Springs and Houghton Lake on Tuesday and Friday. Both series were played at Grayling High School.

On Tuesday, Grayling defeated the Harbor Springs Rams 10-4, 10-0.

Chelsea Wolcott pitched for Grayling in game one. She scattered five hits and struck out six batters.

Leading hitters for GHS were: Wolcott, 2 for 4 (2 singles), 2 stolen bases, 2 RBI, 1 run scored; Andrea Southard, 2 for 3 (2 singles), 1 run scored; Gabby Calkins, 2 for 2 (2 singles), 1 walk, 1 stolen base, 2 runs scored.

In game two, Katie Baynham pitched a no-hitter for the Vikings. She finished with seven strikeouts.

Leading hitters for the Vikings were: Wolcott, 2 for 3 (2 singles), 1 RBI, 1 run scored; Jessica Henderson, 2 for 3 (2 singles), 2 runs scored, 3 stolen bases; Southard, 2 for 3 (single, double), 1 RBI, 1 run scored; Baynham, 1 for 3 (single), 1 walk, 2 runs scored, 2 RBI, 1 stolen base; Monica Peters, 1 for 3 (single), 2 RBI, 1 run scored.

"We managed 22 hits in the doubleheader and really made their defense work. It takes so much pressure off of our pitch-

ers when they can get that type of run support," Coach Keri Brock said. "Katie Baynham took control of game two on the mound, throwing a no-hitter and striking out seven batters. It was a good confidence booster for her. On the defensive side of the ball the girls were aggressive and made plays, which allowed Katie to relax on the mound."

Thursday's scheduled series vs. Cadillac was rained out. **Continued on Page 5B**
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(Left) Monica Peters runs from second base to third during Tuesday's series against Harbor Springs. (Right) Gabby Calkins scores a run for Grayling on Tuesday night vs. the Rams.



Jessica Henderson (left) and Trisha Petersen (right) bat for the Vikings vs. Houghton Lake on Friday.



Eli VanNuck pitches for Grayling on Friday night against the Houghton Lake Bobcats.

Baseball team splits series vs. Harbor Springs

■ Grayling wins game one vs. Rams 6-2, but HS takes game two 8-0

The Vikings of Grayling High School split a doubleheader vs. the visiting Harbor Springs Rams last Tuesday, with Grayling winning game one 6-2 and Harbor Springs winning game two 8-0.

J.C. Schneider pitched for

GHS in game one. He scattered three hits, struck out three, and allowed no earned runs.

Leading hitters for the Vikings were Eli VanNuck (2 for 2 with a home run and 2 RBI) and Derek Etzler (2 for 3 with a home run and 3 RBI).

Etzler, VanNuck, Schneider, and Mike Boylan each had a hit for GHS in game two.

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Jim Boylan bats for GHS on Friday night vs. Houghton Lake.



Jordan Herrick leads off at first base on Friday.

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Soccer team hosts Boyne City Ramblers on Thursday

■ Vikings fall to East Jordan 4-0 on the road on Wednesday night

Grayling High School's varsity girls soccer team lost a league game against Boyne City 7-0 at GHS last Thursday in the squad's third contest of the week.

Goalkeeper Evie Clark had 13 saves for the Vikings. Jessica Bindschatel, Lahken Maher, and Melissa Scott all had shots on goal for GHS.

"We have had five games in the last six school days. All of these were played with one substitute or none," Coach John Haven said. "These ladies have played a lot of minutes without rest or time for practice in much needed areas. But they have worked hard, never given up,

and kept their spirits high. I applaud them for that."

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost at East Jordan 4-0.

Ashlee Robinson, Bindschatel, Amanda Moran, Vicki King, Kim Long, and Scott had shots on goal for GHS. Clark had eight saves.

"We are more evenly matched with East Jordan than probably any other team we play. The girls played well in regards to positioning and movement. Our biggest problem today was not being able to get a good foot on the ball. Our passing was not crisp enough to keep possession and our shooting was weak," Coach Haven said.

On Monday, Grayling lost at Kalkaska by a final score of 5-0.

Clark had nine saves. Bindschatel, King, and Long had shots on goal for GHS.

"Another game of playing much better in the second half. Kalkaska scored only one goal after halftime. We had a few more scoring opportunities than Friday, but couldn't get many solid shots on goal," Coach Haven said.

On Friday, May 5, the Vikings lost to the Panthers at Standish Sterling 6-0.

Clark had 11 saves.

"We played well in the second half. The score was 6-0 at the half and we held them scoreless for 40 minutes. We defended well and moved the ball upfield but could not generate scoring opportunities," Coach Haven said.

The Vikings play at Roscommon on Friday, May 19, at 5 p.m. Grayling will host Elk Rapids on Monday, May 22, at 5 p.m.

Boys basketball camps to be held for players in grades 3-8

■ Deadline for registration is June 8; cost to participate is \$5 per player

The Grayling High School boys basketball program will conduct two separate camps for players in grades 3-8 in June, and camp organizers are now accepting registrations.

The camp for boys entering grades 6-8 will be held on June 13, 15, 22, 26, and 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Grayling High School. Cost to participate is \$5.

The camp for boys entering grades 3-5 will be held on June 13, 15, 22, 26, and 27 from 8-10 a.m. at Grayling High School. Cost to participate is \$5.

In both leagues, "each player

will play a minimum of 10 summer league games," event organizers said.

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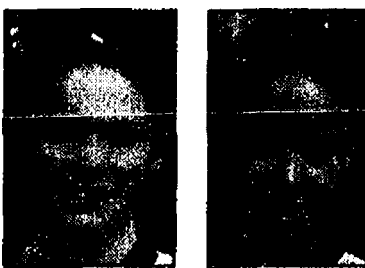
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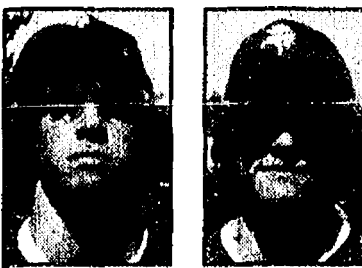
Ashlee Robinson Jessica Bindschatel

Varsity Girls Soccer
 Coach: John Haven
ASHLEE ROBINSON & JESSICA BINDSCHATEL

Ashlee and Jessica are both freshmen. "Ashlee's hard work and aggressiveness have created many opportunities for us. Despite her size, she doesn't back down from her opponents. She remembers what she's been taught and uses it. She led the team last week with four shots on goal," her coach said. "Jessica has been very aggressive and consistent. She takes on veteran players and still comes away with the ball. She has had a shot on goal each of the last three games."

Wendy's

Vikings of the Week



Eli VanNuck J.C. Schneider

Varsity Baseball
 Coach: John Schneider
ELI VANNUCK & J.C. SCHNEIDER

Eli was 2 for 2 with a two-run homer in Tuesday's win vs. Harbor Springs. J.C. pitched a three-hitter vs. the Rams for Grayling's first league win. "J.C. has pitched very well in his last four appearances," his coach said.

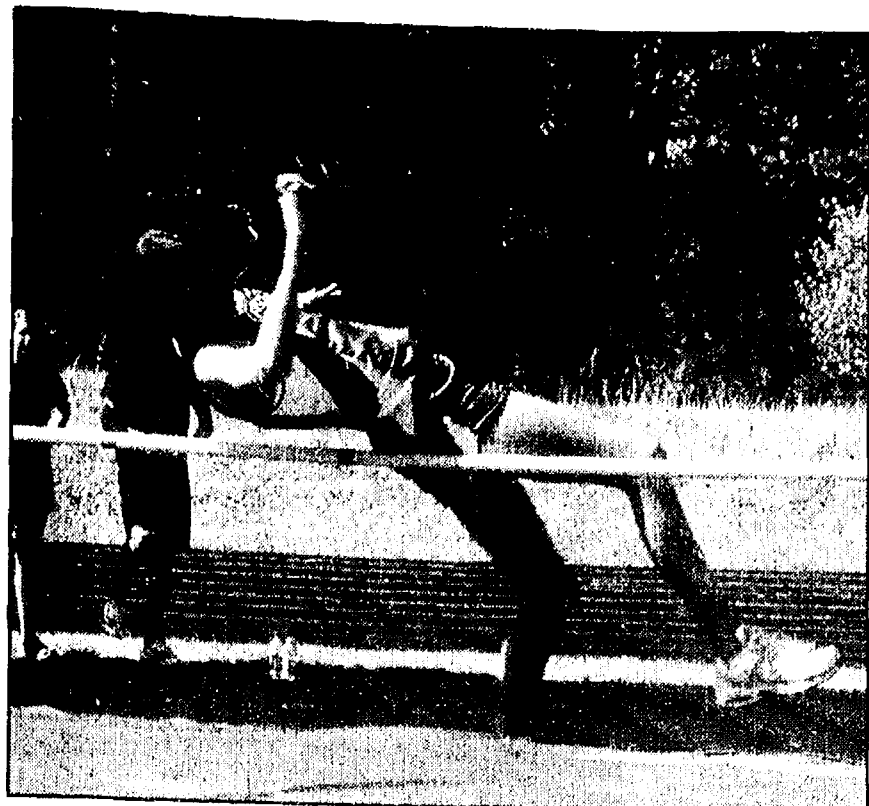
Wendy's

Viking of the Week



Varsity Softball
 Coach: Keri Brock
KATIE BAYNAM

Katie pitched a no-hitter against Harbor Springs on Tuesday, striking out seven batters. On the offensive side of the ball, Katie totaled seven hits (four singles, a double, a triple, and a home run), eight runs scored, seven RBI, and three stolen bases vs. Harbor Springs and Houghton Lake.



Sarah Lange competes in the high jump event for Grayling on Monday.



Rob Schultes throws a discus during last Monday's track and field meet at GHS.

Track squad hosts four-team meet

The GHS track and field team hosted Harbor Springs, Elk Rapids, and East Jordan last Monday.

The girls team for Grayling finished with 25 team points. East Jordan won the meet with

97, Harbor Springs had 74, and Elk Rapids had 42.

Placements for the Vikings included: Hailey McMahon, 2nd, 100-meter hurdles, 18.49; Rachel Ward, 1st, 400-meter dash, 1:08.4; Justine Tozer, 4th, 300-

meter hurdles, 56.54; McMahon, 2nd, 200-meter dash, 28.90; Ward, 3rd, high jump, 4'8".

Grayling's 400-meter relay team and 800-meter relay team both finished 2nd.

"Personal records have

improved consistently throughout the season. Athletes score in the events, but due to the lack of athletes it makes it tough to compete against bigger teams," Coach Tim Gariglio said.

The Vikings will compete in regionals at Gaylord on Saturday, May 20.



Hailey McMahon runs in a hurdles competition on Monday.



Moses Peters takes the baton from Jeff Bancroft during a relay race.

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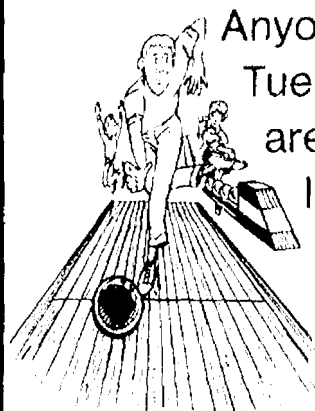
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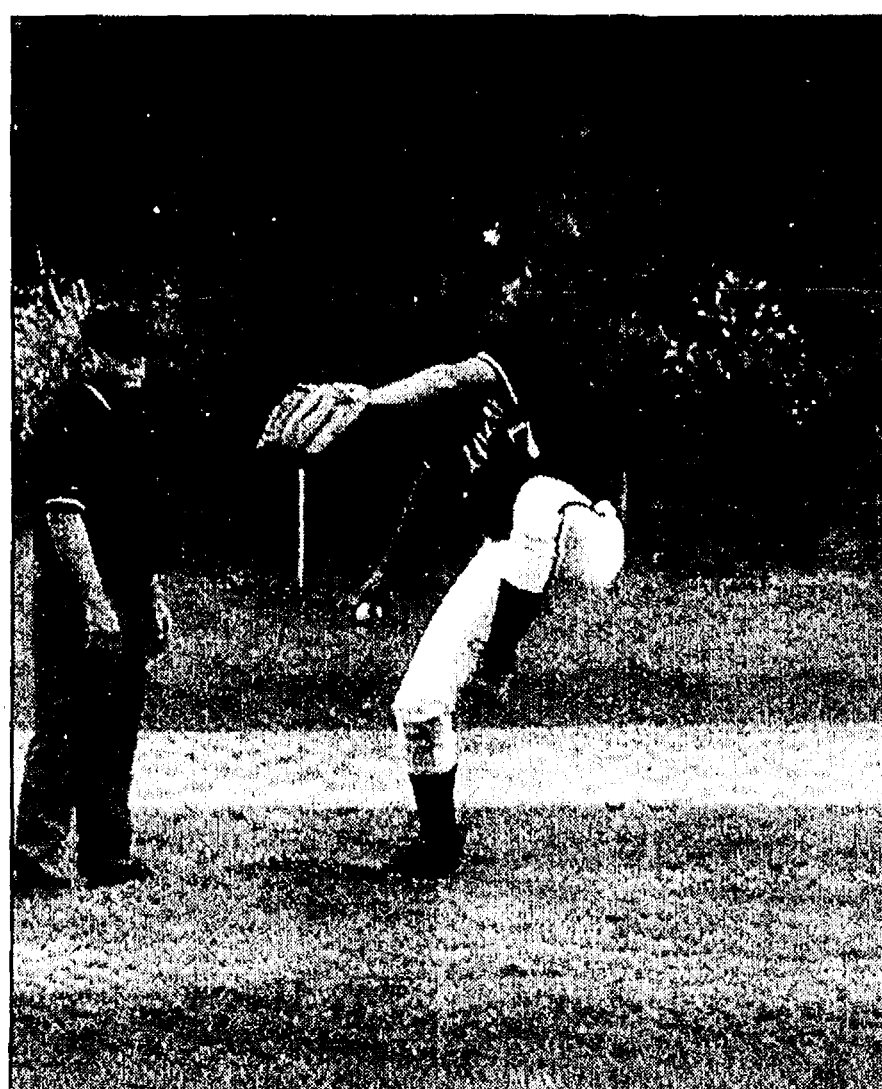


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J.C. Schneider pitches for Grayling vs. Harbor Springs on Tuesday night.



Ronnie Johnston bats for GHS against Houghton Lake on Friday.

Baseball team splits series vs. Harbor Springs

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"We played well in the first game and hit the ball well," Coach John Schneider said. "We were able to overcome our errors for the win. Eitzler continued to hit the ball well, as well as VanNuck. In the loss, we just didn't hit and made too many mistakes."

Thursday's series vs. Cadillac was rained out.

On Friday, the Vikings hosted the Houghton Lake Bobcats. Houghton Lake won both games of the series 5-2, 8-1.

In game one, Eitzler was 1 for 3 with 1 RBI, Schneider was 2 for 3, VanNuck had 1 hit, and

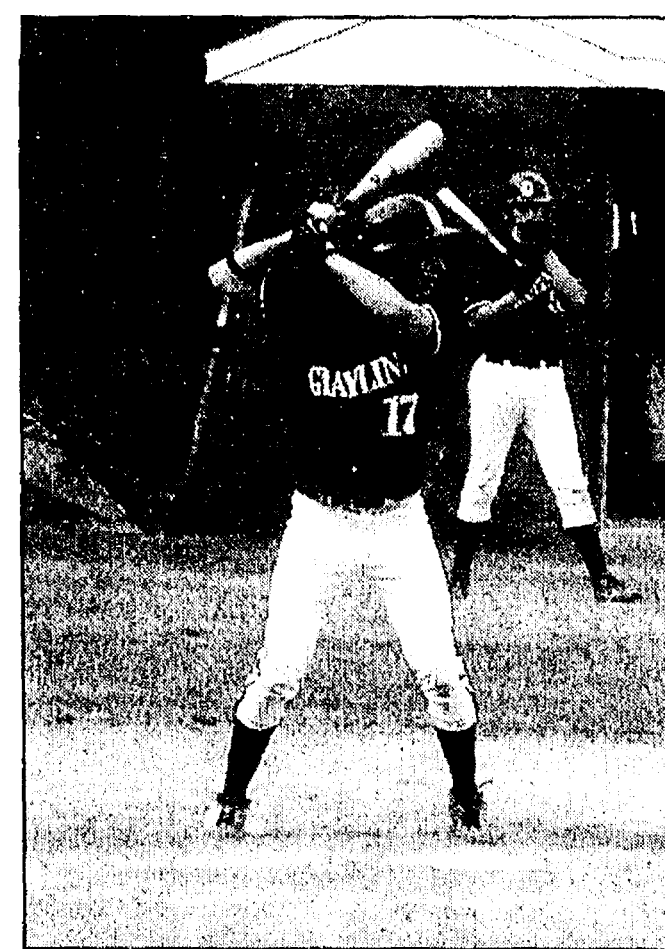
Ronnie Johnston had 1 hit. In game two, Josh Stapleton was 1 for 3 with 1 run scored and Geo Bindschattel had 1 hit and 1 RBI.

"Eli VanNuck pitched well in the (5-2) loss. We played well in the first game, just couldn't get timely hits. We still made a few mistakes but Houghton Lake just played better. In the second game, some of the JV players got to start. I started an all under class lineup. The kids did a good job, which bodes well for next year. Josh Stapleton again hit well coming up on varsity," Coach Schneider said.

On Friday, May 19, the Vikings play at West Branch Ogemaw Heights.



Derek Eitzler leads off during Friday's series against the Houghton Lake Bobcats.



(Left) Matt Kubenic bats for the Vikings vs. Harbor Springs on Tuesday night.



(Right) Richie Schreiber bats against Houghton Lake on Friday.



Mike Boylan leads off at first base vs. Harbor Springs on Tuesday.

JV baseball team wins two games at Harbor Springs

The GHS junior varsity baseball team defeated the Harbor Springs Rams 8-3, 9-3 in a series at Harbor Springs last Tuesday.

Both pitchers for Grayling threw complete games -- Dylan Nye (game one) and Shane Grove (game two).

"(It was the) first complete game for both pitch-

ers. Defense played well and everyone on the team contributed on offense," Coach Jeff Koehler said.

Doubleheaders scheduled for Thursday and Friday were rained out.

The JV Vikings will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Friday, May 19.



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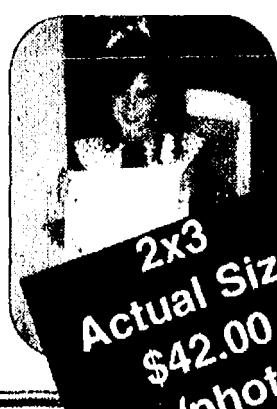
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Chelsea Wolcott (left) and Katie Baynham (right) run from second base to third during Tuesday's series vs. the Harbor Springs Rams.



(Left) Andrea Southard bats for the Vikings on Friday night against Houghton Lake. (Right) Second baseman Alyssa Lewis throws to first base on Tuesday.



Softball team sweeps Harbor Springs, Houghton Lake

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On Friday, the Vikings defeated the visiting Houghton Lake Bobcats 12-2, 12-4.

Wolcott pitched game one, finishing with four strikeouts and five hits allowed in the win.

Offensive leaders for GHS included: Baynham, 2 for 3 (2 singles), 1 walk, 2 runs scored, 2 stolen bases, 1 RBI; Peters, 2 for 3 (single, double), 2 runs scored, 1 RBI; Megan Etzler, 2 for 2 (2 singles), 2 runs scored; Alyssa Lewis, 3 for 3 (2 singles, dou-

ble), 2 runs scored, 1 RBI; Trisha Petersen, 2 sacrifices, 2 RBI, 1 stolen base.

Wolcott also pitched game two, allowing six hits and striking out four.

Hitting leaders for Grayling were: Baynham, 3 for 4 (double, triple, home run), 3 RBI, 3 runs scored; Henderson, 3 for 3 (single, 2 doubles), 1 walk, 3 runs scored, 2 RBI; Peters, 1 for 2 (double), 1 run scored, 2 RBI; Wolcott, 1 for 3 (single), 2 runs scored; Etzler, 1 for 4 (double), 1

run scored, 2 RBI.

"Houghton Lake has been somewhat of a rivalry for us the last couple of years. In addition, this was the last home game for my seniors, Katie Baynham, Jessica Henderson, Trisha Petersen, Andrea Southard, and Chelsea Wolcott. Teams only go as far as their leaders take them and this senior class has worked very hard to turn around a struggling program the last two seasons," Coach Brock said. "Many pitchers would get frustrated

pitching in the rainy weather conditions on Friday, but Chelsea fought through it and picked up two more victories. Our hitters racked up 23 hits in nine innings of play, nine of which were for extra bases. We have really improved in terms of pitch selection from the start of the season. You can sense that the girls are much more confident when they step up to the plate."

"Katie Baynham busted loose this week pounding out five hits (two singles, two doubles, and a home run), four RBIs, and five runs scored against the Bobcats. Katie is a competitor and understands the game very well. Any time your leadoff batter can do that kind of damage on offense, you know you are in good shape," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings play at West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Friday, May 19, at 4 p.m.



(Above) Jessica Henderson (left) and Megan Etzler (right) run from second base to third vs. Harbor Springs. (Below) Monica Peters (left) and Gabby Calkins (right) bat for GHS vs. Houghton Lake and Harbor Springs, respectively.



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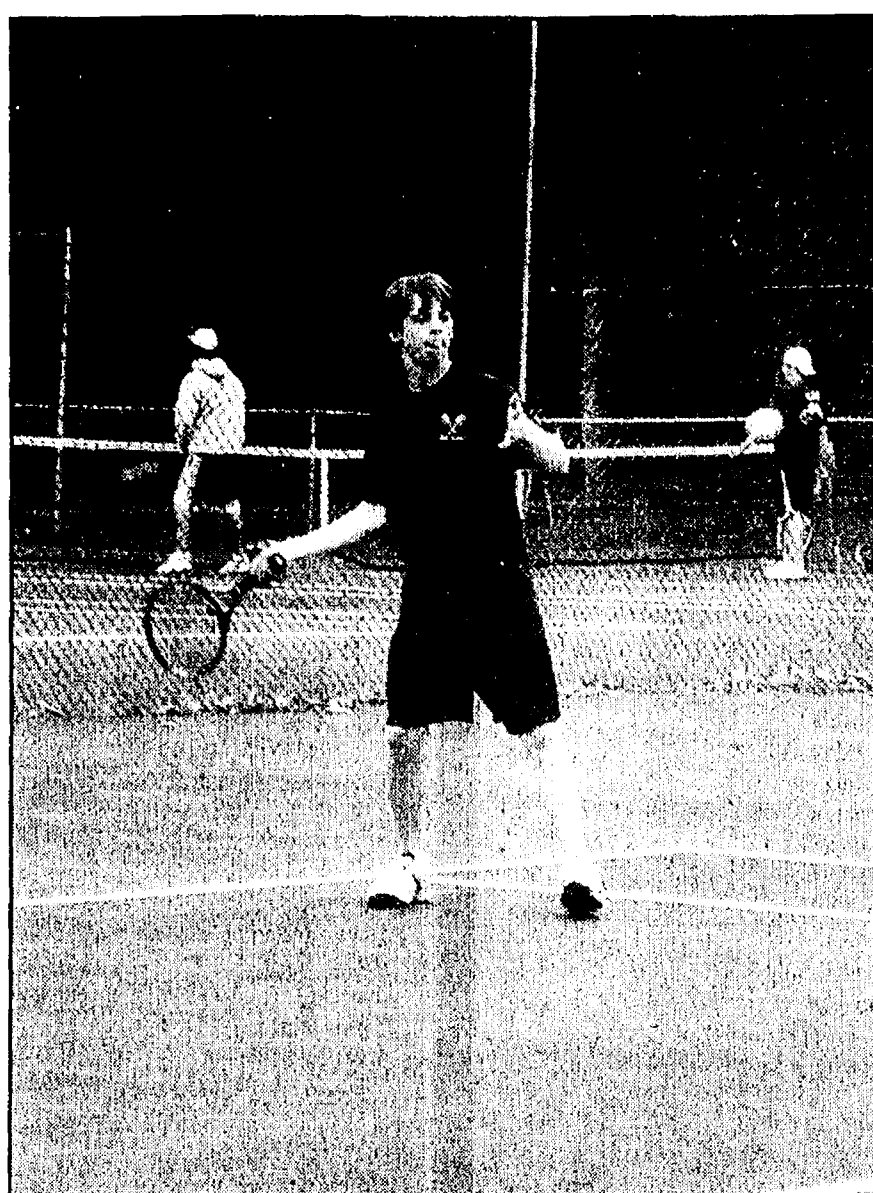
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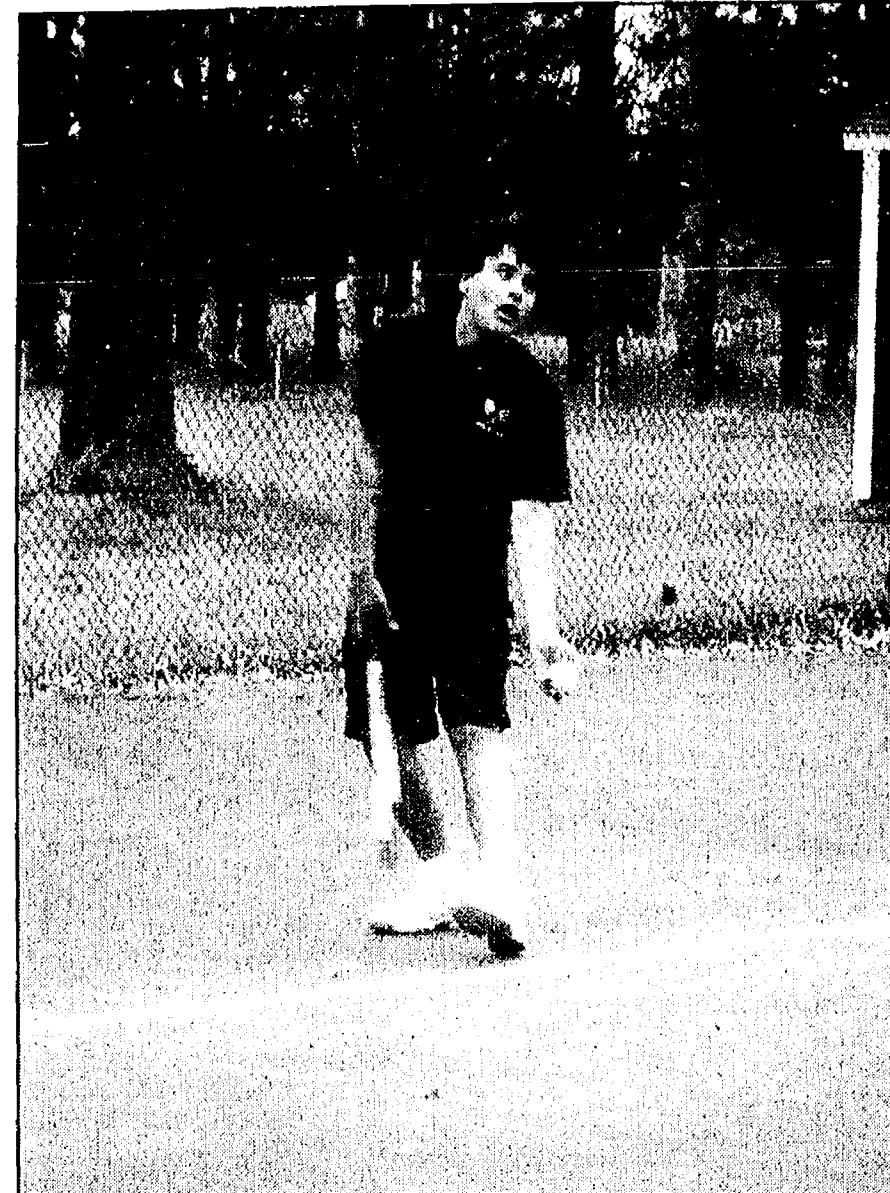
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Austin Andrus returns a ball during a singles match against Alpena.



Tiago Leite serves for the Vikings vs. Alpena on Wednesday, May 5.

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Tennis team hosts Alpena, Traverse City St. Francis

■ Vikings place 4th out of eight teams at the Boyne Invitational on April 28

The GHS varsity boys tennis team lost to Alpena 5-3 in a meet at Grayling High School on Friday, May 5.

Scores for Grayling included: Doug Slater (1st singles) 1-6, 4-6; Tiago Leite (2nd singles) 3-6, 6-7; Scott Olson (3rd singles) 5-7, 4-6; Austin Andrus (4th singles) 6-2, 6-4; Mike Hoag and Zeke Hayes (1st doubles) 7-6, 7-6; Zach Dean and Bobby Feutz (2nd doubles) 6-3, 6-1; Mike Zill and Radell Rosin (3rd doubles)

6-7, 3-6; Mike Davis and Dan Latussek (4th doubles) 3-6, 4-6.

"The matches aren't turning out quite like we want but we are playing smarter tennis and it won't be long until we are on the winning side of these matches," Coach Craig Cobb said.

On May 3, the Vikings lost to Traverse City St. Francis 7-1 at GHS.

"Tiago Leite had a great match that lasted over three hours. Doug Slater also had a great match. Austin Andrus easily

defeated his opponent," Coach Cobb said. "Traverse City has a good team and our team walked away wanting another chance at them, knowing we didn't play our best tennis today."

Scores for the Vikings included: Slater (1st singles) 2-6, 6-2, 3-6; Leite (2nd singles) 7-6, 6-7, 4-6; Andrus (3rd singles) 6-4, 6-4; Zill (4th singles) 2-6, 3-6; Hoag and Hayes (1st doubles) 2-6, 2-6; Z. Dean and Olson (2nd doubles) 2-6, 4-6; Spencer Dean and Davis (3rd doubles) 0-6, 1-6;

Latussek and Rosin (4th doubles), 3-6, 2-6.

On April 28, the Vikings finished 4th out of eight teams at the Boyne Invitational.

For Grayling, Olson made it to the finals at 3rd singles and Mitch Salyers and Z. Dean went to the finals at 2nd doubles.

"We played hard and it showed in the end. We placed one place higher than last year in a very difficult tournament. The guys did a great job," Coach Cobb said.



Zach Dean (left) and Bobby Feutz (right) compete in a doubles match for GHS.



Scott Olson plays in a singles match for Grayling.

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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF APRIL 2006
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Akers at 7:30 PM.

II. Members Present: Larry Akers, Kim McClain, Kimberly Millikin, Tom Wellman

Members Absent: Roger Moshier
Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Al Somero, John Alef, Travis Roberts, Craig Stewart, Pete Ingvarsson, Ann Stephenson, Dave Stephenson, Russell Strohpaul Jr., Gaila Gilliland, Tim Zigila, Mary Ann Ferrigan, Chad Beckett

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. City Council Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2006

B. Street Use Permit - Parks & Recreation Committee 7/7/06 and 7/21/06

C. Street Use Permit - Parks & Recreation Committee 8/5/06, 8/12/06 and 9/8/06

D. Moved by Millikin, seconded by Wellman that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended moving the Street Use Permits items "B" and "C" to New Business as items "E" and "F".

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

IV. Public Hearings

A. International Fire Code

Mayor Akers opened the Public Hearing at 7:36 PM to receive public comment concerning a proposed Ordinance adopting the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life of property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the City of Grayling; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; repealing The 2003 International Fire Code #2005-01 of the City of Grayling and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith. Craig Stewart questioned how this is going to affect re-zoning. There being no further questions or comments from the public, Mayor Akers closed the Public Hearing at 7:39 PM.

B. Chamber Lease

Moved by McClain, seconded by Wellman that the Chamber Lease Agreement and Indemnification Addendum Attachment come back to the next City Council Meeting on May 8, 2006 from the City Manager.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

C. Planning and Zoning Fees

The Council would like to have the Zoning Administrator submit a corrected spreadsheet of the current and proposed fees and bring back to the next meeting.

D. CCEDP Liaison

Moved by Wellman, seconded by McClain to appoint Kim Millikin as the CCEDP Liaison.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

E. Moved by Wellman, seconded by Millikin to extend the meeting past 9:30 PM.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

F. Sewer Only Accounts

Consensus of the Council was to go with the staff recommendation and have the sewer department contact each non-metered sewer only customer to attempt to work out a payment plan for them to have their water metered, which will provide a more equitable billing and give better numbers for our sewer influent.

G. Delinquent Water Bills

Consensus of the Council was to go with the staff recommendations and deal with the delinquent utility bills for residential and commercial differently as well as look into a change to the billing system.

H. Income Tax Board of Review

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Millikin to appoint Dennis Robinson to the Income Tax Board of Review.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

I. New City Parcels

The Council would like to see some comparables and have this put back on the agenda when all of the information is gathered.

J. Police Overtime

Consensus of the Council was that the letter that Chief Schreiner sent to

the City Manager addressed their concerns.

K. Budget Amendment Correction

Moved by Millikin, seconded by Wellman to adopt the following correction to the amendments of motion #06-078, made at the regular meeting held on April 10, 2006:

Revenues Expenditures
Bond Debt Fund
101,433 101,433

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

L. City Budget

The City Manager presented the Council with the draft of the 2006-2007 budget.

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Millikin to schedule a special meeting on May 23, 2006 at 5:00 PM for a budget work session.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

VI. New Business

A. DDA Requests

The City Manager will bring back a timeline to the next City Council Meeting for what has to take place to consider expanding the DDA District.

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Millikin to schedule a special meeting with the DDA on May 15, 2006 at 7:00 PM to discuss the streetscape funding and possible DDA expansion.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

B. Chamber Request

Moved by Millikin, seconded by Wellman to approve the placement of two utility poles on City property for the purpose of placement of seasonal and special event banners to cross the I-75 Business Loop.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

C. Benefit Fee

Moved by McClain, seconded by Wellman to schedule a public hearing on May 8, 2006, if necessary, to establish Benefit Fees:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

D. Water Sewer Ordinance

Moved by McClain, seconded by Wellman to schedule a public hearing on May 22, 2006 to amend Ordinance 25:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

E. Street Use Permit - Parks & Recreation Committee 7/7/06 and 7/21/06

Moved by Wellman, seconded by Millikin to approve the Street Use Permit for 07/07/06 and 07/21/06 for "Uptown Live" with all of the requirements on page 2 of the application being met.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

F. Street Use Permit - Parks & Recreation Committee 8/5/06, 8/12/06 and 9/8/06

Moved by Wellman, seconded by McClain to approve the Street Use Permit for 08/05/06, 08/12/06 and 09/08/06 for "Farmers Market" to include Michigan Avenue between Norway and James and Peninsular with all of the requirements on page 2 of the application being met and additional reviews occurring:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

G. Brownfield Grant Request

Moved by Wellman, seconded by McClain to approve the \$2,500 of the Area-wide Assessment Grant to complete a BEA on behalf of Equity Trust Company for the former Callahan's Automotive Repair located at 1440 S. I-75 Business Loop:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, motion carried.

VII. Citizens Who Wish To Speak

The following individuals expressed their comments/concerns regarding various issues:

None

VIII. Reports

ZBA

Planning Commission
Parks & Recreation Committee
Fire Committee
CCEDP
GUDA

City Manager

Mayor Akers

IX. Correspondence

A. Revenue / Expenditure Report for 07/01/06 - 03/31/06

B. Letter from MDOT - March 30, 2006

C. League Legislative Link - April 12, 2006

D. Kevin Elsenheimer's Weekly Lansing Update - April 14, 2006

E. Invitation - Mercy Hospital Ground Breaking / Open House

F. MML Action Alert - April 14, 2006

G. League Legislative Link - April 17, 2006

H. 2006 MML Regional Education Seminars

I. Planning Commission Draft Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2006

J. MLCC - Local Government 15-Day Notice - April 17, 2006

K. MML Fax Advisory - April 21, 2006

L. Letter from City of East Tawas - April 19, 2006

M. Fax Letter from Randy Mason - April 24, 2006

N. League Legislative Link - April 24, 2006

O. Week In Review by Matt Gillard - April 24, 2006

X. Adjournment

Moved by Wellman that the meeting be adjourned; Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 10:32 PM.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Future Agenda Items can be found on our website: www.cityofgrayling.org

THE 2006 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE ORDINANCE # 2006-01

Adopted: April 24, 2006
Effective Date: May 24, 2006

Preamble

An ordinance of the City of Grayling, adopting the 2006 edition of the International Fire Code, regulating and governing the safe-guarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the City of Grayling; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and repealing Ordinance #2005-001 of the City of Grayling and all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith.

The City of Grayling does ordain as follows:

Section 1.

That two (2) copies of the International Fire Code, 2006 edition, one of which is on file in the Grayling City Clerk's Office, and one of which is on file in the office of the Chief of the Grayling City/Twp. Fire Department, including all Appendix Chapters, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the City of Grayling, in the State of Michigan, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in the office of the City of Grayling are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this ordinance.

Section 2.

That the following sections are hereby revised:

Section 101.1 Insert: City of Grayling, State of Michigan

Section 109.3 Insert:

A. Failure to comply with any provision of Ordinance 2006-01 as amended carries a penalty of\$100.

B. First repeat offense carries a penalty of\$250.

C. Second or subsequent offenses carries a penalty of\$500.

Section 111.4 Insert:

A. Failure to comply with any provision of Ordinance 2006-01 as amended carries a penalty of\$100.

B. First repeat offense carries a penalty of\$250.

C. Second or subsequent offenses carries a penalty of\$500.

Section 308.2 Added:

No person shall intentionally start or maintain any non-domestic purpose fire that involves yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves and brush or household trash or building materials in any street or open area.

Section 3.

That the geographic limits referred to in certain sections of the 2006 International Fire Code are hereby established as follows:

Section 3204.3.1.1 (geographic limits in which the storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers is prohibited): Any point within the boundaries of the City of Grayling, State of Michigan, not zoned industrial. Cryogenic fluids must be stored inside of buildings.

Section 3404.2.9.5.1 (geographic limits in which the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited): Any geographic point within the boundaries of the City of Grayling, State of Michigan, zoned Single-Family Residential (R-1), Multiple Family Residential (R-2), Above-ground storage of Class I and Class II liquids, outside of buildings, must conform to zoning setback requirements for each district.

Section 3406.2.4.4 (geographic limits in which the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks inside of buildings is prohibited): Any geographic point within the boundaries of the City of Grayling, State of Michigan, not zoned industrial.

Section 3804.2 (geographic limits in which the storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted for the protection of heavily populated or congested areas): In excess of typical residential use (water capacity equivalent of 2,000 gallons) is prohibited): Any geographic point within the boundaries of the City of Grayling, State of Michigan, not zoned industrial.

Section 4.

That Ordinance #2005-01 of the City of Grayling entitled The 2003 International Fire Code and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict

herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5.

That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City of Grayling hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 6.

That nothing in this ordinance or in the Fire Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 4 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 7.

That the City of Grayling, State of Michigan, is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published in a local newspaper of record.

Section 8.

That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect 30 days from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

Adopted this 24th day of April, 2006.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brenda Manchester, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2005, and recorded on September 1, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 228, and assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Six And 48/100 Dollars (\$60,576.48), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on May 31, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on Section line, 104 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 70 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line; thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 70 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan.

And also, commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East on Section line, 33 feet for Point of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes East, 164 feet; thence South 0 degrees 03 minutes East, 71 feet; thence North 89 degrees 24 minutes West, 164 feet to Section line, thence North 0 degrees 03 minutes West, 71 feet to Point of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 27, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #082782102

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PUBLIC NOTICE RESIDENTS OF FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

Frederic Township is seeking candidates to fill an opening on its Board of Trustees. Interested parties should write a letter of interest and submit it along with a resume to the Township Supervisor's Office located at 7564 Co. Rd. 612 or by mail at P.O. Box 78, Fredric, Michigan 49733 no later than 2pm June 1, 2006.

Jeff Kea - Township Supervisor

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST FROM INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is soliciting letters of interest from individuals willing to serve on its Board of Directors.

The term of office for members of the Board of Directors is six (6) years. There is currently one seat on the Board of Directors which will expire on June 30, 2006. There are no term limitations for members of CCTA Board of Directors, and the individual currently holding this office, Mr. Lee Riley, is eligible for reappointment.

The Board of Directors meets monthly. The primary responsibilities of the Board of Directors is to establish the policies governing the business, operations, property and affairs of CCTA. The Board of Directors additionally receives and reviews management reports for the purpose of monitoring policy compliance and program effectiveness.

All Board Members must be over the age of eighteen with no prior felony convictions.

In order for proposals to be considered, they must be received at CCTA administrative offices by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2006.

Questions or comments regarding this request for applicants may be directed to Julee Dean, Executive Director, Crawford County Transportation Authority.

Crawford County Transportation Authority
4276 w. North Down River Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(989) 348-8215

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment concerning proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

ARTICLE VIII SITE PLAN REVIEW

SECTION 8.01 - SITE PLAN REVIEW (ALL DISTRICTS)

Site plans give the Planning Commission an opportunity to review development proposals in a concise and consistent manner. The use of the site plan ensures that the physical changes in the property meet with local approval and that development actually occurs as it was promised by the developer.

A. Circumstances Requiring a Site Plan: Site plans are required for the following reasons:

1. All new uses except one-family and two family residential units, and new uses which do not change the footprint of the existing building.

2. Expansion or renovation of an existing use, other than one-family and two family residential use, which increases the existing floor space more than 15%.

3. Uses which require five (5) or more parking spaces.

4. Any other uses as required by this Ordinance or the Zoning Administrator.

5. With the concurrence of the Planning Commission Chair and the Zoning Administrator, any new use may be reviewed by the Zoning Administrator.

6. All site plans that are reviewed that are not reviewed by the Planning Commission will be reviewed administratively by the Zoning Administrator. Site plans thus reviewed must meet all the requirements of this ordinance and other state and local laws.

The public hearing will allow residents and property owners in the City of Grayling to make comments regarding the proposed amendment.

The public hearing will be held on Monday May 22, 2006, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling City Hall, located at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing. A copy of the Current Ordinance can be viewed at the City offices at 1020 City Boulevard during regular business hours Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the website at www.cityofgrayling.org under "Ordinances"

Michele Moshier,
City Clerk

LEGAL ACTION

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey J. Kaluza, Single, origi-

nal mortgagor(s), to Beneficial Michigan, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 22, 2005, and recorded on June 28, 2005 in Liber 676 on Page 68, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Eighty-Two And 36/100 Dollars (\$104,082.36), including interest at 7.79% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 21, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Block 10, Rolfes's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, Crawford County,

Michigan. According to the Recorded Plat thereof, as Recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 18, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #091272F01

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Notice Of Mortgage

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Susan I. Marvel, and Roger Allen Mater, Jr., wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2004 and recorded March 11, 2004 in Liber 666, Page 810, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Four and 40/100 Dollars (\$64,204.40) including interest at 7.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 31, 2006.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Southerly 6 Rods (99 feet) of the Northwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan and the Northerly 6 Rods (99 feet) of the Southwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 36, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 27, 2006
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 207.4627

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NOTICE OF TIMBER FOR SALE

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, May 18th, 2006, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following sale of timber:

Removal of all trees and brush within a 17' x 3,040' strip of right of way (both sides of road) located within (Hartwick Pines Road). From Camp Lehman Correctional Facility north 3,430 feet to the Intersection of Vista Drive. Sections 2 & 3, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County. Approximately 2.37 acres more or less.

It is the intent of the Road Commission to remove an additional 17 foot strip of trees within this section of Hartwick Pines Road, on both sides of the road.

Site map is attached; additional information may be obtained from the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address.

General Specifications:

Bidder shall indicate total Lump Sum payment, which shall be paid to the Crawford County Road Commission for the sale of timber.

Only trees located within the proposed area shall be included in the bid. Do not cut trees outside of the stake line.

Boundary limits shall be provided by the Crawford County Road Commission and shall indicate same by staking the outer limits of the cutting.

Successful bidder shall provide payment in full to the Crawford County Road Commission before cutting begins.

An on site conference between the contractor and the Crawford County Road Commission is required before cutting begins.

All trees and tops shall be removed from the proposed site and all stumps shall remain at a minimum height of 24" for removal by Road Commission forces at a future date. Bidder shall be allowed for flush cut stumps for the purposed of acquiring access for equipment.

The section of Hartwick Pines Road with in the cutting area shall be closed for traffic during the hours of 7:30 am to 2:30 pm Monday thru Friday. Bidder shall have all the road way clear from debris and equipment prior to opening the roadway to traffic at 2:30 pm. No cutting shall be allowed during weekends or holidays.

Bidder shall have cutting completed on August 1, 2006.

Bidder shall provide Certificate of Insurance prior to commencing work. Certificate shall include:

1) Board of County Road Commissioners **AND** the Crawford County Road Commission named as additional insured to all coverage, 2) General liability- \$500,000 each occurrence, 3) Automotive liability- \$500,000 each occurrence, and 4) Worker's compensation- statutory limits.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Ken Riehle, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Jim Burch, Commissioner

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tracey L. Hubbard, a married woman and Thomas L. Hubbard, husband of Tracy L. Hubbard, signing this mortgage for an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Sixty-Four And 90/100 Dollars (\$55,064.90), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 7, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan; commencing at the center of said Section 29, thence South 89 degrees 23 minutes West (along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 29), 387.8 feet, thence South 34 degrees 02 minutes West, 408.25 feet; thence South 17 degrees 05 minutes West, 684.00 feet; thence South 71 degrees 54 minutes West, 525.55 feet; thence North 1 degree 51 minutes 30 seconds West, 33 feet for the point of beginning; thence South 83 degrees 13 minutes West, 131.15 feet, thence North 36 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West, 573.0 feet, thence North 53 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds East, 40 feet, thence North 36 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West, 129.4 feet to the left bank of the Manistee River, thence Northeasterly (along said river bank), 160 feet, thence South 36 degrees 11 minutes 15 seconds East, 592.5 feet, thence South 1 degree 51 minutes 30 seconds East, 123.85 feet to the point of beginning. This parcel extends to the water's edge of the Manistee River, Crawford County Record

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 4, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC G 248.593.131
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #039810F02

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MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roger A. Moshier and Kary L. Moshier, his wife, to Home Loan and Investment Bank, F.S.B., Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2001 and recorded July 23, 2001 in Liber 543, Page 162, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee of CSFB ABS Trust Series 2002-HE11 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Seven and 28/100 Dollars (\$50,327.28) including interest at 12.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JUNE 7, 2006.

Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Westerly one-half of Lots 7 and 8 of Block 3 of O.M. Barnes Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: May 4, 2006
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000 File No. 231.4113

-4-11-18-25-1

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James C. Knowles and Deborah R. Knowles, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Guaranty National Bank of Tallahassee, Mortgagee, dated October 13, 2000, and recorded on October 31, 2000 in Liber 521 on Page 467, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Chase Manhattan Bank as Indenture Trustee, c/o Residential Funding Corporation as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Seven And 92/100 Dollars (\$61,367.92), including interest at 12.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on June 21, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 27, Red Wing Terrace, According to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22 Crawford County Records. Subject to Easements, Restrictions and Reservations of Record.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 18, 2006
For more information, please call:
FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822
File #092798F01

-18-25-1-8

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

FILE NO. 06-6993-CH
DANIELLE ARSENEAU
Plaintiff,
vs
DELLA KEENE, and/or the heirs, assigns and devisees of Della Keene
Defendants.
CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C.
By: Richard J. Jaskowski P47123
Attorney for Plaintiff
2373 S. I-75 Business Loop
P.O. Drawer 665
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-5232

ORDER TO ANSWER
At a session of said court held in the City of Grayling County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 21st day of April, 2006.
PRESENT Honorable Dennis F. Murphy
Circuit Court Judge

TO: Della Keene, and/or her heirs, assigns and devisees:
1. An action has been filed against you regarding certain real estate in Crawford County, Michigan.

2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall file your answer with this Court and serve it upon the attorney for the Plaintiff, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within 28 days of the last publication of this order.

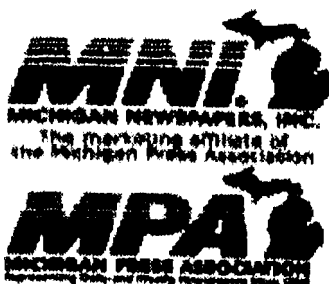
3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a Judgment by default against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: 4-21-06
Honorable Dennis F. Murphy P31907
Circuit Court Judge

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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
May 19, 1983

Approximately 19,000 national guard troops are expected to train this summer at Camp Grayling. The largest group of guards expected this summer will be 7,000 Michigan troops. The total number of guards expected this summer is down from a record amount of 31,000 in 1982 but nearly the same totals as in 1981.

Hanson Park will host their first annual Memorial Day Turkey Shoot. Many shooting events are scheduled. Prizes in all events will be in the form of chickens, turkeys, and hams.

The pin's fell Jim Golnick's way in Harrison during a tournament as he bowled a perfect 300 game for the first time in his life.

Approximately nine Bradford Lake property owners will have to pay double special assessment taxes this December because Maple Forest Township forgot to levy the special assessment tax last year.

About 100 Grayling Elementary students may be bussed to Frederic Elementary next fall because of a shortage of classroom space at Grayling. This year one fifth grade class at Grayling was moved to Frederic because all 20 classrooms and three portables at Grayling Elementary were filled.

Brett Stockton, of Grayling and Butch Stockton, a Grayling

Middle School instructor, paddled through heavy rain May 7 to capture first place in the professional division of Roscommon's Pro-Am Canoe Challenge.

The Grayling Lioness Club ran a coffee break at the 4 Mile Road Rest Area for opening day of trout season.

It's the Grand Opening of Hillside Farm. The farm and greenhouse will be open to everyone 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. Hillside Farm is located off M-72 East, at the end of Sandy Trail.

Dave Brooks, Marty Harris, and Ken Lademan each picked up wins for Grayling's baseball team with good hurling performances last week as Grayling swept Onaway in a double header and split with Cheboygan.

Grayling Middle School 7th and 8th grade girls began their track season with a second place finish in a tri-meet between Gaylord and Petoskey.

Cadet Mandi Stillwagon, of Grayling, a freshman at Northern Michigan University received the Military Order of the World Wars Award. She received the award at a ROTC awards ceremony.

The third annual Grayling Beautification Day will be held on May 19. Local service clubs will be aiming at cleaning the city park from the American Legion to Spikes as well as other areas.

46 Years Ago
May 19, 1960

The senior class of Grayling High School will start their skipping day this week. They will take a Greyhound bus to Ludington, from there take a steamer to Milwaukee, Wis., and then a chartered bus to Chicago, where they take in sights such as Lincoln Park Zoo, Shedd Aquarium, Museum of Natural History, Adler Planetarium and many other sights.

The second Variety Show put on by the Woman's Club has gone down in history as a memorable event. The show was admirably supported by the public, as the ticket sales were considerably greater than last year.

Only one Viking trackster qualified for the State Meet, that will be held in Mt. Pleasant. Roger Hatfield finished second in the broad jump at Traverse City in the Regional Meet.

Official figures released by the Michigan Department of Revenue reveal that Crawford County stands fifth in increase of retail sales over the past ten years.

Approximately 150 persons enjoyed the beautiful decorations and danced to the wonderful music of the Echos, Saturday night at the Junior Prom.

Students from Mrs. Catherine Smyth's and Mr. Rollin Yorty's sixth grade class, approximately 45 plus 2 teachers and 10 other adults made a trip to the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, the Ford Rotunda building, and the River Rouge plant in Dearborn last week.

69 Years Ago
May 20, 1937

A long needed boat livery has been established in Grayling. Chris Hoesli and Ernest Borchers are the enterprising owners and have already put in a large number of canoes. The headquarters are at the Grayling Greenhouse.

Louis Massett of Detroit, owner of Sunset Tavern at Higgins Lake, has built a cabin on the AuSable near the property of Mrs. Frieda Lenartz, and is catering to fisherman and sportsman. Meals are served and rooms are furnished. The place is known as Louis Cabin.

William LaGrow and Fritz Heath made a business trip to Detroit for the Nehi Bottling Works. Bill has given up his job at the Rialto Theatre and joined forces at the Nehi Works.

92 Years Ago
May 20, 1914

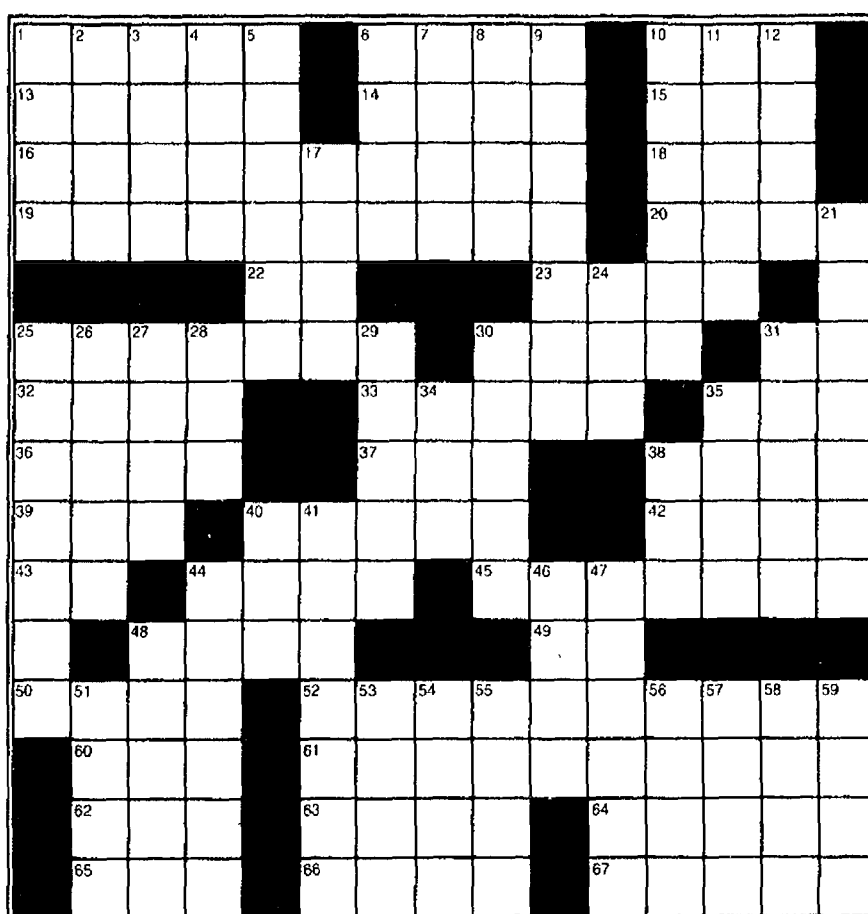
T.W. Hanson, John J. Niederer, Marius Hanson, and O.P. Schumann attended the Republican Welfare conference in Detroit.

Dan Moshier has resigned his position on the Michigan Central Railroad and will devote his attention to his cattle ranch, located down the river.

Paul Ford is supplying the Olson Drug Store as a soda dispenser during the absence of George McPeak, who is ill.

According to the state game and fire wardens there are 48,000 deer in Michigan in the upper peninsula, and 4,000 in the northern part of the lower area of the state, south of the Straits of Mackinac.

CROSSWORD



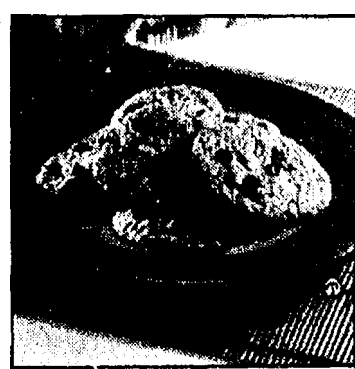
Across

1. Side of anything.
6. Dressed.
10. Expression of surprise.
13. Philippine island.
14. Hollow place.
15. Stinging insect.
16. Pertaining to an orator.
18. Unit of metric land measure.
19. Specializes in genetics.
20. Recurring time.
22. Japanese unit of volume.
23. ... -Chee, author and visual artist.
25. Devoted follower.
30. Tomorrow Never ...
31. Shows possession.
32. John ... musician.
33. Disgusting.
35. Complex lyrical poem.
36. Sword similar to a foil.
37. Container edge.
38. Long adventure story.
39. Tommy ... singer.
40. Small, thin pancake.
42. State of inaction.
43. In operation.
44. Hard fat found on kidneys.
45. Pours out.
48. Wild animal young.
49. Engage in.
50. Related.
52. Laugh loudly.
60. Strange.
61. Not consistent with.
62. ... Wait, mystery writer.
63. Close.
64. Up to a particular time.
65. Swedish monetary unit.
66. Slightly wet.
67. Customary times of eating.

Down

1. Beat someone hard.
2. Entice.
3. Muslim call to prayer.
4. Make mention of.
5. Difficult.
6. Fashionable.
7. Plural of "locus."
8. Expressing misfortune.
9. Triangular shape.
10. Make less intense.
11. High perched house.
12. Pay close attention to.
17. Mob violence.
21. Techniques for producing illusions.
24. Used to lock doors.
25. Central American tree fruit.
26. Castrated male chicken.
27. S-shaped molding.
28. Child, writer.
29. Large wading bird.
30. Furnished with a dome.
31. Writer of an ode.
34. Move along with great speed.
35. Make the first bet.
38. Series of years.
40. Awkward youth.
41. Annul by recalling.
44. Ice cream with toppings.
46. Revise.
47. Poison hemlock.
48. Apple juice.
51. Serbian folk dance.
53. Unoccupied plot of land.
54. Hastily preparing for an exam.
55. Dwell on.
56. No way.
57. Pilaster at side of doorway.
58. Book's bottom edge.
59. Elevated railways.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Spicy Oatmeal Cookies

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups quick-cooking (not instant) oats
- 8 oz. raisins
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice

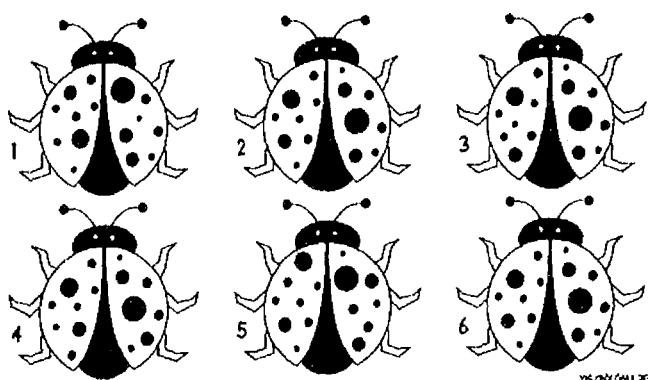
Preheat oven to 375° F. In large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Scrape down sides. Beat in vanilla. In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add to butter mixture and stir until blended. Stir in oats, raisins, cinnamon and allspice. Drop by rounded tablespoonsful (about 1/4 cup) onto greased baking sheets. Bake until firm to a light touch, about 15 minutes. Cool on wire rack.

Makes about 3 dozen cookies



FIND THE TWINS

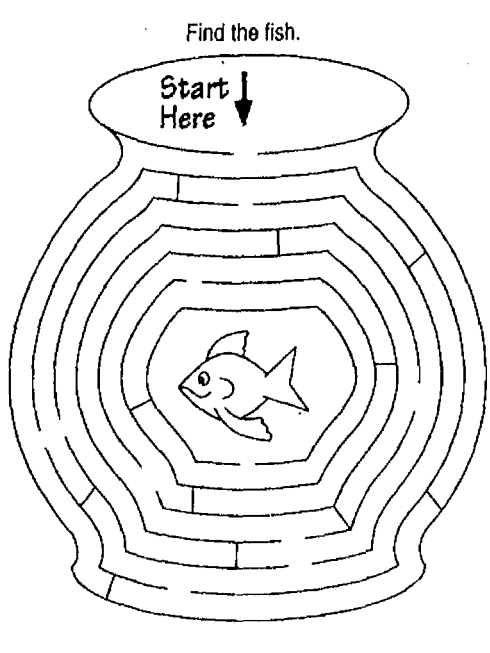
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DID YOU KNOW ??

Americans eat on
average 18 acres
worth of pizza every
day.

MAZE



HOROSCOPES

For the week of May 18, 2006



December 22-January 19

A visit from an old friend inspires you to reconnect with others. Start with those who made the largest impact on your life. Capricorn. Thanks comes for a task you undertook long ago.



March 21-April 19

Space becomes a premium at home. Time for a little cleaning, Aries, to make room for a new addition. A hand of friendship is extended—take it gladly.



June 22-July 22

Welcome, Cancer, to the start of sunnier days. Fill them with leisure and you're sure to make memories that will last for years to come. An opportunity beckons.



September 23-October 22

An item from your past unlocks the door to a secret. Make of it what you will, Libra, but be careful how you proceed. You don't want to tell the wrong person and create controversy.



January 20-February 18

Woohoo, Aquarius! Sticking to your budget pays off and your financial outlook begins to improve. Celebrate with an excursion to someplace you've always wanted to go.



April 20-May 20

C'mon, Taurus, you can do it. With some effort, all of your physical fitness goals can become a reality and the payoff will be huge! Start now.



July 23-August 22

At last, Leo, the ball is in your court. I handle it with care. This is your best chance to show what you're made of. A magazine paves the way for a redecorating binge.



October 23-November 21

Uh-oh, Scorpio. Pleasing others to no end begins to take its toll on you. Be brave, learn to stick up for yourself and say no from now on to anything you don't have time for.



February 19-March 20

A crash course in networking helps you to get ahead on a project at work. Share what you have learned with others on the team, Pisces, and watch the project flourish.



May 21-June 21

Alas, Gemini. A startling announcement throws you for a loop. Give yourself some time to get accustomed to the idea before you start bawling. An old flame sends a mixed message.



August 23-September 22

Advice pours in from every crack. Reap from it only what you can sow, Virgo. Talk of changes at work puts everyone ill at ease, including you.

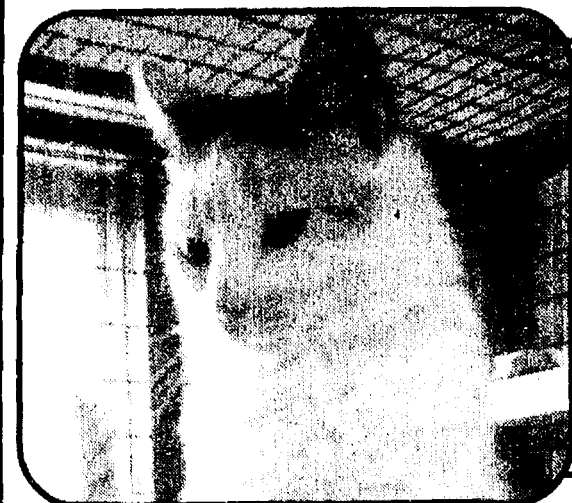


November 22-December 21

A plan to get away falls apart and leaves you feeling blue. Make up for it, Sagittarius, with a fun outing. Remember, it's not where you go, but what you do that counts.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

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Gidget

is a 1-2 year old white/calico who gets along with other cats. She is spayed, leukemia tested and vaccinated. She has been waiting 4 months to be adopted.

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The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascrc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Precip.
5/10	74	53	0.26
5/11	73	50	1.08
5/12	57	41	0.38
5/13	47	39	0.11
5/14	54	39	0.05
5/15	58	39	0.03
5/16	60	49	0.01

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 56	High 56	High 64	High 62	High 67	High 71
Low 38	Low 41	Low 43	Low 42	Low 50	Low 51
Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny

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5688 M-72 West, Grayling
(989) 390-2688 & (989) 348-5474

1. Real Estate

5 LOTS to choose from in Little Richard's Estates, 3 miles north of Roscommon. Power, telephone, cable TV available. Gerrish Higgins Schools. \$6,500 each. Land contract terms, discount for cash. 989-821-5900. (-18-25-1/1)

2 LARGE beautiful, adjacent lots in Uppnorthe #3. Hardwoods, maple, beach, ash, Trillium ground cover. Power and phone available. \$4,750 each or \$9,000 for both. Land contract terms or discount for cash. 989-821-5900. (-18-25-1/1)

HOME/ACREAGE Home constructed in September 2001, secluded, elevated, spacious, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath modular, poured full basement. New paint throughout, all appliances included. Stone fireplace with air tight, wood burning insert, oak cabinets, doors and trim, ceiling fans, walk-in closets. 8.89 acres of rolling hardwoods, walk to AuSable River. 24 x 36 framed, trussed, pole barn, needs completion. Asking \$106,900. Must see, must sell, all closing costs paid by seller. Immediate occupancy. Open house 11 - 5, daily, 5689 County Road 612. West at May Lake, Frederic. (-18/1)

THE CLASSIFIED - The perfect place to find that first house. (989) 348-6811

1. Real Estate

LOW INCOME housing available to purchase. Apply with Connie at Century 21. Call for an appointment. 348-5474 or cell 390-2888. Currently 5 homes available. (2/23/06t/f/1)

\$79,900 Grayling 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 1.4 acres joining state land. Great hunting, fishing, snowmobiling. Easy financing regardless of credit. Call 989-390-3997 or 989-390-9889. (-11-18-25/1)

GREAT HOME for small family, or cottage, 2 blocks from Lake Margrethe. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, garage, quiet, low traffic neighborhood, 1/2 acre lot. Built in 1992, solid construction, well maintained, appliances available. Raise a family or enjoy the north. \$84,000, all reasonable offers considered. (989) 348-7515. (LR6/1/06/1)

2001 SINGLE WIDE MODULAR Three bedroom, two full baths, two outside decks, with skirting, all major appliances. Call 989-275-8172. \$27,000. (LR5/25/06/1)

3 BEDROOM 2 bath, 1568 sq. ft., on M-72, 10 miles west of Grayling. ORV storage, lots of state land, lakes and trails. Fireplace, new carpet and laminate. Immediate occupancy, motivated seller. \$73,900. 231-258-3402. (LR5/18/06/1)

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE in Frederic, 5256 Old 27 North. 3 bedroom on 1.6 acres. Currently replacing roof and siding. Completed, \$90,000. Land contract available with money down. Call 989-348-4252 days or 989-348-5256 evenings. (-11-18/1)

HOME FOR SALE Moving north and looking for some peace and quiet? You found it. Over 175 feet of AuSable River frontage, and only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 sq. ft. wrap-around deck. Enjoy this 2,175 sq. ft. brick, 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home, located on the East Branch of the famed AuSable River, only 1 mile north of Mercy Hospital. Featuring a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, natural gas log fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn, watered from an underground sprinkler system, looks like a well maintained golf course. \$255,500. Make me an offer. Call 989-348-2083 for showing by owner. (-11-18/1)

LUZERNE MICHIGAN located minutes from the AuSable River and state land. Two bedroom mobile home with 2-car garage. Immediate possession. \$29,900. For more information call Brian, 989-529-1037. (-11-18/1)

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NEW LISTING

AUSABLE RIVER HEADWATERS, 10 acres with Bradford Creek flowing through. Nice location fronting county gravel road. Bradford Creek flowing through acreage with approximately 700' frontage on each side. Adjacent 60 acres (Listing Number CH-2329) also available. CH-2330 \$49,500

NEW LISTING

GREAT INVESTMENT!! 24 x 64 basement, 26 x 36 detached garage, septic system, and 4 inch well. Includes burnt out dwelling. CH-2331 \$18,900

NEW LISTING

AUSABLE RIVER HEADWATERS, 61 ACRES ADJOINING STATE LAND Bradford Creek frontage on each side. Second creek-tributary through acreage. Two streams with approximately 4,400' frontage. Ideal location for recreational hunting-fishing retreat. Electricity, gas, well. CH-2329 \$139,900

NEW LISTING

IDEAL STARTER OR RENTAL PROPERTY, 2 2/3 corner lots. 960 s.f., 2 bedroom, one bath, knotty pine interior walls, and 13 x 30 great room. Neat and clean inside and out. Priced below State Equalized Value. Possible Land Contract. CH-2336 \$45,900

REDUCED

HANDYMAN'S SPECIAL 864 s.f., 2 bedrooms, one bath, two sliding doorways, and large 24x24 pole barn. Close to North Branch AuSable River, state land, and snowmobile trails. CH-2104 \$49,500

REDUCED

CLOSE TO STATE LAND AND SNOWMOBILE TRAILS. A mixture of hardwoods and pines cover this rolling terrain, with electricity available at road. Off of Switzer Blvd., CS-2202 \$8,000

REDUCED

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION Charming home, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Newly remodeled with new roof, carpet, congolet, drywall, complete new bathroom with tub/shower combination. Large laundry room with folding counter, large living room, nice back yard with campfire pit, covered front porch, deck in back, copper window flower boxes, new landscaping in front yard. Turn Key. Immediate Occupancy. CS-2319 \$92,500

REDUCED

10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARDWOODS. This rolling terrain is full of wildlife and is close to state land. Electricity is at road and the access road is blacktop. CS-2217 \$32,000

REDUCED

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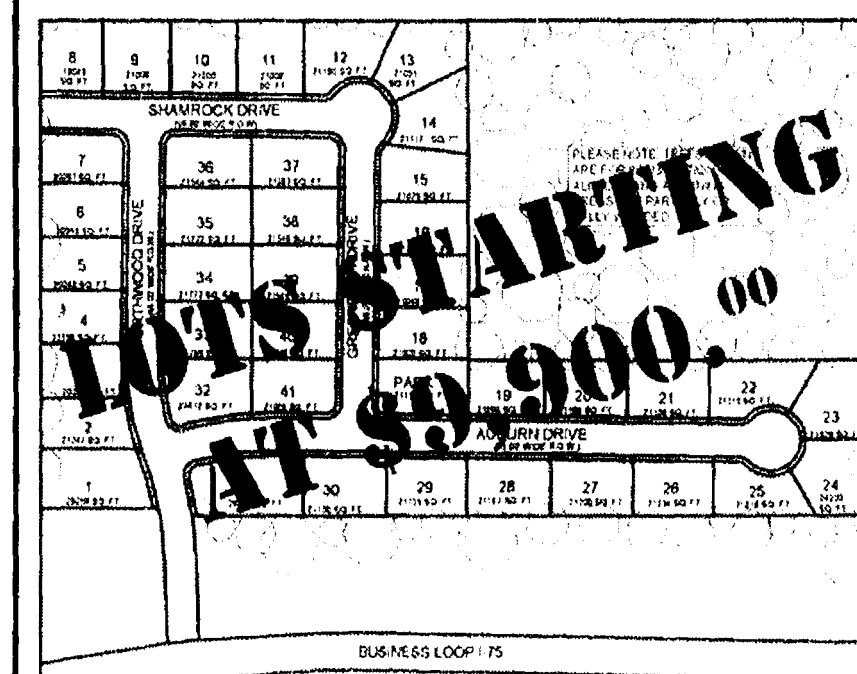


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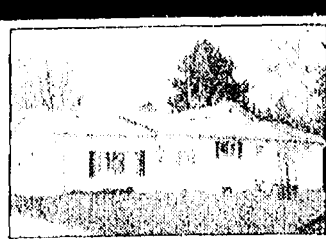
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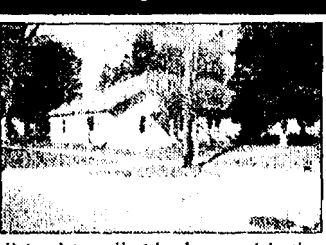


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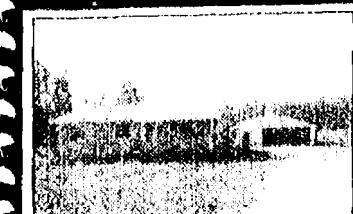
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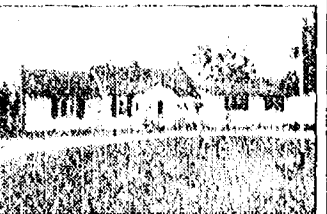
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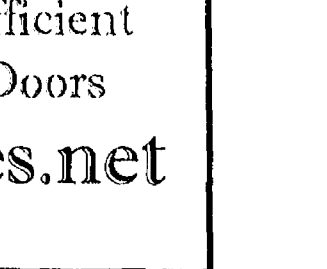
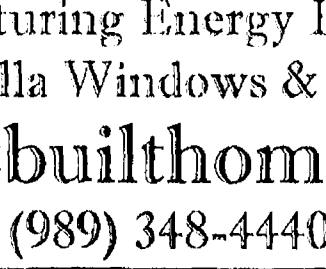
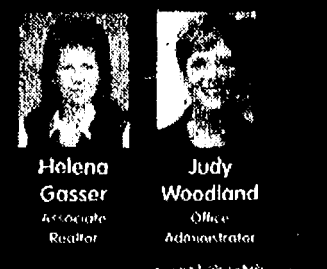
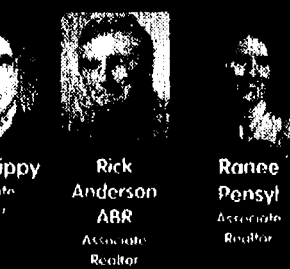
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7. Miscellaneous
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8. Announcements

May 13, 2006
Our German Shepherd/Husky Mix is missing! Her name is Allie and she is 16 years old. She is multi-colored (brown, black & tan). She had an Indian type collar on with tags. Last seen on AuSable Trail at 8:30 a.m. She is deaf, medium build and thin. Her family is devastated! If you have any information please call us at (989-348-6484 H), (989-348-9755 O) or Cell (989-710-0089) anytime!

5. For Sale

FOR SALE new AuSable Riverboat with trailer, \$7,000. Call 989-348-5366. (-18/5)

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6. Wanted

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WANTED: CANOE 989-348-1777. (-18/6)

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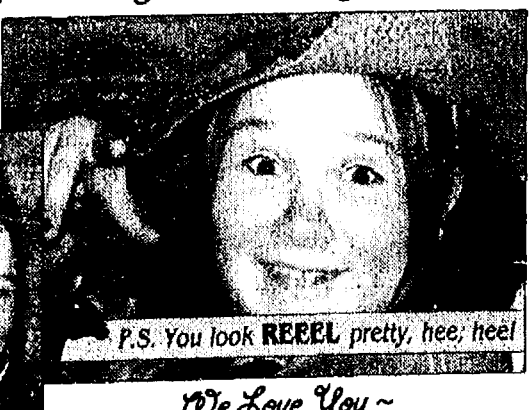
THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE for Women and Children is back in business. I know there are a lot of gift certificates floating around. I can be reached at 348-2749. I would also like to thank Bear Lake Christian Church, Calvary Baptist Church, and Mount Hope Lutheran Church for their constant prayers for me through my illness. There were other churches and people praying for me. I have gratitude for all. Also, the many meaningful cards I received, I looked forward to the mail every day. The food, phone calls, flowers, plants, T-shirts, books, music, Mary Kay products, jewelry and chocolates. Heidi and her bus, what a blessing to the community. The Burtchs, the Foxes, Ali Bayham, Cathy Latuszek, Dawn McDonald, Paul Owens, Dee VanNuck, and Dave Wyman for loving transportation. Extra special thanks to my son Mitch, for taking care of me for several months by himself, until my husband Todd, and my son Sean, came back home. Thank you to them too. I hope I can do something kind and good for all of you. Kellie Kitchen. (-18/8)

BAKE SALE Sat., May 20, 10 am to 4 pm, Sun., May 21, 10 am to 12 noon, at St. Mary's Church, Spruce St. (-18/8)

9. Personals

Happy 13th Birthday Samantha

I can't believe you're going to be a teenager, you're no longer our double-digit IT!



P.S. You look REEL pretty, hee, hee!

We Love You ~ Mom, Dad & Torgie!

10. Garage Sales

RUMMAGE SALE

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8. Announcements

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BEAR ARCHERY ARTIFACTS WANTED photos, letters, bows, or anything to do with Fred Bear. Please call Pete Kocofas, 989-348-8627, 1-800-848-1268. (-18-25/8)

MERCY HOSPITAL Grayling's 2006 100 day fitness challenge, Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan, will be kicking off beginning May 24. Free BP and body fat analysis will be available at registration. Cholesterol and blood sugar testing is also available; a \$5 donation is requested. Prizes will be given away during registration, and weekly throughout the 100-day program. Each participant who logs 100 miles during the program will receive a free LGMNM t-shirt. Grayling registration: Mon., 5/22, 8 am - 9:30 am at Curves, Tue., 5/23, at Mercy Hospital, 4 pm - 6 pm. Roscommon registration: Mon., 5/22, 10:30 am - 12 pm, at Roscommon Senior Center. Houghton Lake registration: Tue., 5/23, 8 am - 9:30 am, at Curves. You may also pick up registration packets anytime at the front desk of Mercy Hospital, or any Mercy Family Care Clinic. For more information please call 348-0489, or e-mail lgmmn@trinity-health.org. (-18/8)

10. Garage Sales

MOVING SALE 158 Dale St., 5/19 thru 5/21. Household items, A/C, nicknacks, etc. (-18/10)

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALES May 19 & 20, 9 am to 5 pm. Sale located on Ginger Quill Road and Szajner Road. From Grayling, 10 miles east on M-72, left turn on Wakeley Bridge Rd. for 1 mile, turn left on Ginger Quill Rd. (-18/10)

MULTIFAMILY YARD SALE 505 Ionia St. May 22 - 25, 9 - 2. (-18/10)

10. Garage Sales

8th ANNUAL Rotary garage sale. Bikes, like-new refrigerator, furniture, and other household items, toys, lots of treasures. Sat., May 20, 9 - 5, Sun., May 21, noon to 3:30, at the old Bear Archery building on M-72 West. (-18/10)

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MOVING SALE May 19, 20, 21, 9 am - 4 pm. China cabinet, table, chairs, hunting gear, lamps, girl's bedroom set, bookcase, microwave, girls & women's clothes, dishes, household items, children's books, lots more. 130 Red Head Lane. North Down River, just east of Whirlpool. (-18/10)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE May 18, 19, 20, from 9 to 5, at 4946 Helen Dr. off Roberts Road. Adult children home to sort through childhood possessions, and mom is going to profit from all the concessions! This includes: Barbie and Cabbage Patch dolls and accessories, clothes, best-seller books and movies. Also household items, holiday decorations, jewelry and much more. (-18/10)

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE St. John Lutheran Church, 710 Spruce, May 19, 20, 10 - 4. Furniture, nicknacks, clothing, lawn mower, kitchen ware, bedding flowers, baskets, toys, very nice items, reasonably priced. Don't miss this one. (-18/10)

GARAGE SALE clothing, baby items and misc. Sat. & Sun., at end of AuSable Trail, on Pollack Bridge Rd. (-18/10)

10. Garage Sales

HUGE GARAGE SALE Fri., May 19 and Sat., May 20, 9 - 2. 302 Lillian (in Clough subdivision). Come check out all that we have. Toys, books, crafts, microwaves, boys cloths, sizes newborn to 16, women's clothing, sizes 6 to 12, lots of misc. household items. Rain or shine! (-18/10)

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GARAGE SALE Lots of misc. items. 1 day only. Fri., May 19, 9 am to 4 pm. 851 Pine Oak Trail, 8/10 of a mile down Jones Lake Rd. (-18/10)

YARD SALE 603 Maple St., May 18 - 20, 9 - 5:30, weather permitting. Multifamily, sstoys, misc. (-18/10)

11. Automotive

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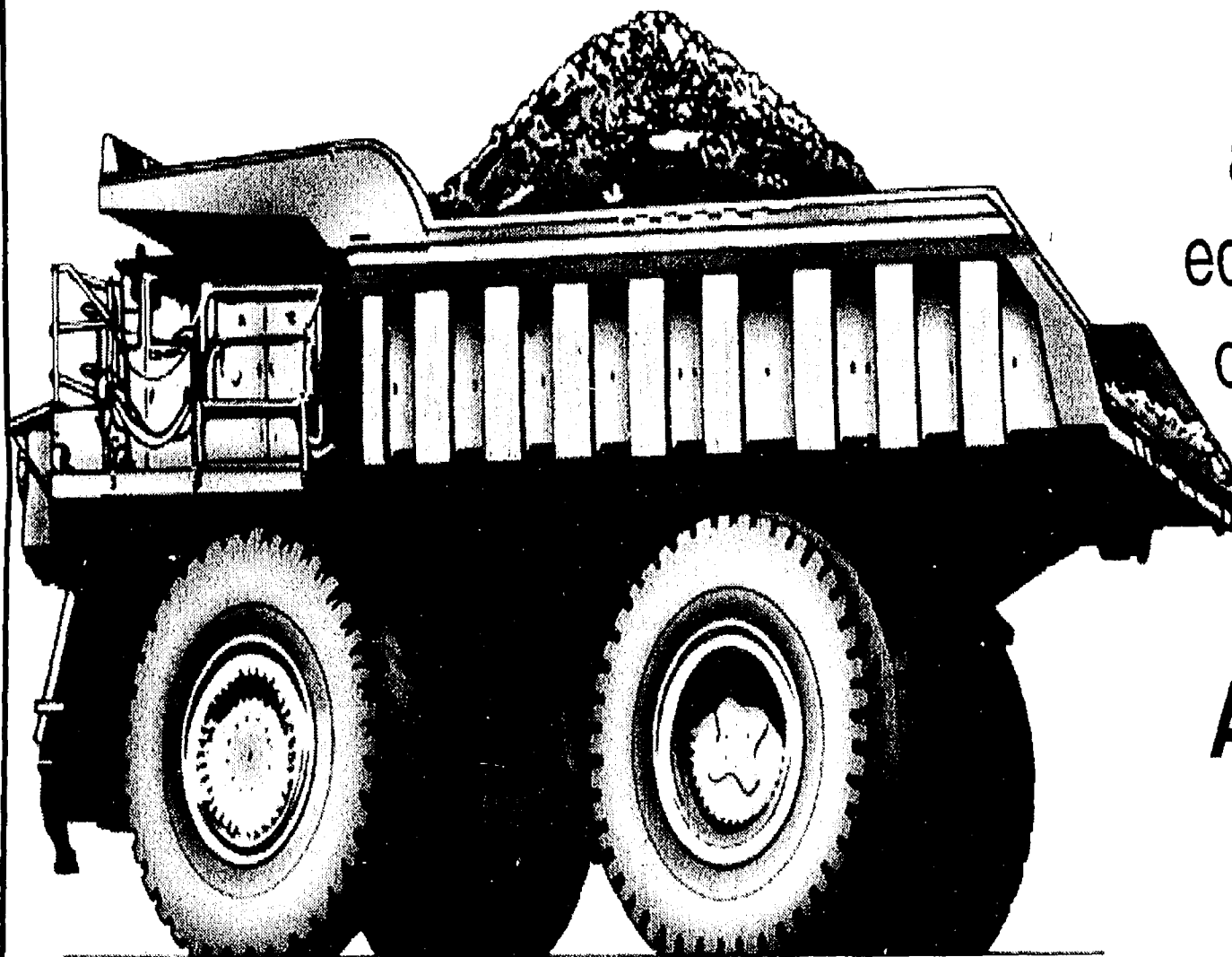
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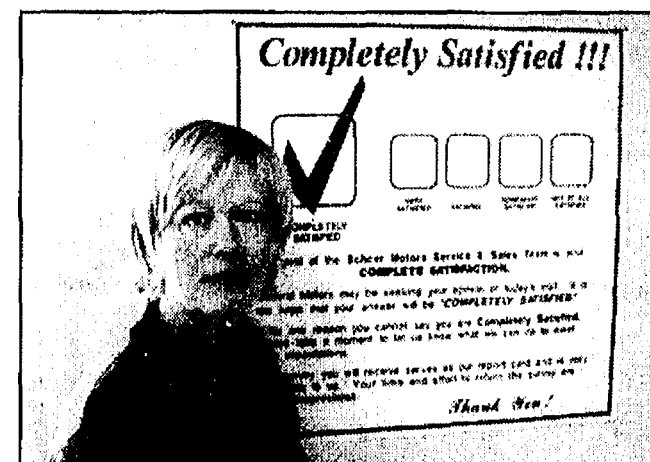
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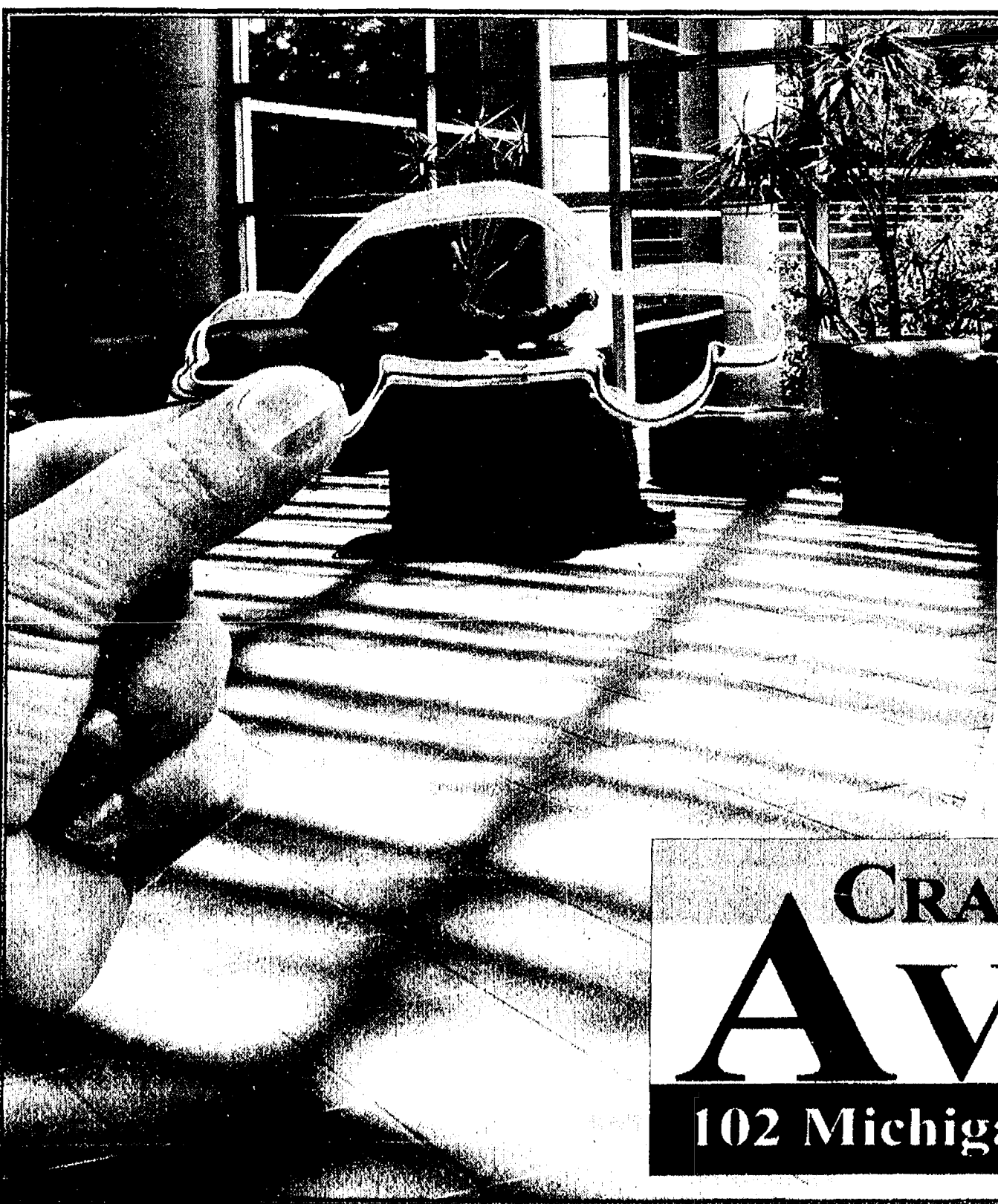
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